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EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, et al.

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## **ORDER**

James J. Brady, JUDGE

\*1 Considering the foregoing "Motion for Order Allowing Private Sessions," filed by the Defendant, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board (hereinafter the "School Board"), and in an effort to allow the School Board to expedite an orderly process of having the Superintendent of the School Board submit a draft of a possible desegregation plan (hereinafter referred to as "the draft") to the public and the news media for the public's consideration prior to any vote by the School Board on the adoption of a final proposed plan for filing into the record of this lawsuit:

IT IS ORDERED that the School Board shall meet in private confidential sessions, under the sole auspices, and pursuant to the authority, of this Court with its Superintendent, staff, consultants and attorneys for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the work of the Superintendent, staff, consultants and attorneys on the preliminary version(s) of the draft, and for the purpose of providing whatever guidance or direction the members of the School Board may deem appropriate, and in such form or by such procedures as it may deem necessary, to the Superintendent, staff, consultants attorneys and concerning the preparation of the draft.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the School Board and its Superintendent, staff, consultants and attorneys may meet in private confidential sessions, under the sole auspices, and pursuant to the authority, of this Court with the attorneys and/or parties for the other litigants in this case (and possibly with the consultants and/or experts for and/or representatives of the other litigants in this case) to discuss this litigation and various aspects of the preliminary version(s) of the draft.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all of the above private sessions and all preliminary version(s) of the draft shall remain confidential and private until further order of the court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the School Board shall, at an appropriate time, make the draft available to the public and the news media, at such cost as permitted by

state law, and further that the School Board shall conduct such public hearings, forums and other activities in connection with the draft as the School Board deems appropriate in order to obtain information concerning the public's reaction, desires and concerns regarding the draft so that appropriate changes, which will not threaten the constitutionality of any final proposed plan, can be made to the draft after receiving information concerning the public's reaction, desires and concerns and prior to any vote on the adoption by the School Board of any final proposed plan for filing into the record of this lawsuit.

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