T.I. v. Delia



## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

T.I., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

NO. 90-2-16125-1

HAROLD DELIA, et al.,

STIPULATION AND ORDER OF PARTIAL SETTLEMENT

Defendants.

This Stipulation and Order of Partial Settlement, made and entered into this  $26^{T4}$  day of November, 1990, among T.I., a minor, by and through his mother and next friend, D.L., W.F., a minor, by and through his mother and next friend, O.T., D.I., a minor, by ed all other named plaintiffs and through his mother and next friend, C.I., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated as current or potential detainees of the King County Detention Facility (collectively referred to as "plaintiffs" hereafter) and Harold Delia, Director of the Department of Youth Services, in his personal and official capacity, Tim Hill, King County Executive, in his personal and official capacity, and King County (collectively referred to as "King County Defendants" hereafter) and Love Denton, in his official capacity, Donald Felder, in his official capacity, and the Seattle School District No. 1, (collectively referred to as "School Defendants" hereafter).

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WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS plaintiffs commenced this action against the King County and School Defendants alleging, among other things, violation of state and federal law associated with the conditions in the King County Juvenile Detention Facility, all as set forth in the First Amended Complaint for Injunctive Relief, Declaratory Relief and Damages herein; and

WHEREAS plaintiffs have brought a Motion for Preliminary Injunction Re: Dorm School and Mid School, all as set forth in the Motion for Preliminary Injunction Re Dorm School and Mid School and Memorandum in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction Re: Dorm School and Mid School filed on October 17, 1990; and

WHEREAS the King County and School Defendants, although denying any liability or any violation whatever on their part, and specifically denying that any provision of this agreement, although enforceable in the manner set forth below, is required by any law or principle of law, recognize that substantial expense will be incurred in defense of plaintiffs' claims with respect to the pending preliminary injunction motion and therefore are desirous of having the claims relating to that motion resolved for the consideration set forth below; and

WHEREAS plaintiffs, for good and valuable consideration, desire and by this instrument agree to stipulate to an order resolving their pending preliminary injunction motion and their claims that youth may not be removed from a regular school program (a) due to the lack of space or teachers, (b) for non-school

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related conduct; and (c) without adequate procedural safeguards, and only those claims, as discussed below; and

WHEREAS the parties hereto agree this Stipulation and Order shall become effective only upon entry by the Court, and that entry shall occur only if the plaintiff class is certified and notified of the terms of this Stipulation and Order according to procedures established by the Court; NOW THEREFORE

- 1. <u>Lack of Space/Regular School Program</u>. Defendants agree that no youth in the detention facility shall be excluded from regular school programs because of lack of space or teachers.
- Classroom Space. To fulfill the requirements of paragraph 1, the King County Defendants agree to make available immediately two additional rooms, each capable of accommodating seventeen youth, a teacher, and teaching equipment. The addition of these two rooms will increase the physical plant for the regular school program to six rooms, each capable of accommodating seventeen youth, a teacher, and teaching equipment. The addition of these classrooms will increase regular school program capacity to 102 students, not including youths in the detention facility but not enrolled in regular school due to facility orientation (for no more than 48 hours), school orientation (for no more than one day), or because the student is in "Dorm School". The King County Defendants agree to make available at least this amount of space for regular school programs. If regular school enrollment exceeds 102 persons, the King County Defendants will, if necessary, provide additional temporary space for regular school programs to meet the requirements of paragraph 1. The King County

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Defendants also agree that by adding two rooms to regular school programs, they will not reduce the current level of programming and recreational activities for youth in the detention facility; rooms or spaces used for other programs and recreational activities may be used for school purposes on off hours or on a temporary basis. After the 1990-91 school year, the King County Defendants will continue to be obligated to meet their obligations under this Stipulated Order to ensure that youth are not excluded from regular school programs because of lack of space but may utilize different space for meeting their obligations.

Elimination of Mid School and Expansion of Teaching To fulfill the requirements of paragraph 1, the School Staff. Defendants agree to terminate within ten days of the effective date of this Order the "Mid School" program. The School Defendants also agree to increase the school staff for the detention facility to six teachers, a part-time special education teacher, a program manager, a site coordinator, and clerical staff. The School Defendants will commence hiring of the additional permanent staff immediately and shall fill these staff positions with qualified candidates as soon as reasonably The Defendant Seattle School District will assure that possible. the detention school has access to substitutes or other temporary staff comparable to that of other schools in the Seattle School District. When the population in regular school programs exceeds 102 students, the School Defendants will increase the class size in rooms where that is possible. If the King County Defendants provide additional temporary space when regular school enrollment

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exceeds 102 students, the School Defendants will provide temporary staffing for the additional space. The School Defendants shall not be in violation of their obligations not to keep youth out of a regular school program because of lack of space or teachers if they employ their best efforts to comply with the provisions of this Stipulation and as long as the noncomplying condition does not last more than three school days. The School Defendants will not offer a 1991 summer school program unless supplemental or increased funding is obtained from some source other than the Seattle School District by that time. After the 1990-91 school year, the School Defendants may employ staffing and means different than those set forth in this paragraph 3 to meet their obligations in paragraph 1.

4. Dorm School and Conditions for Placement. A youth shall be considered in Dorm School if the youth is excluded from a regular school program. As long as the Defendants provide Dorm School, the provisions of this paragraph 4 and paragraph 5 below shall apply. Defendants and plaintiffs agree to designate an independent expert, and if agreement is not reached within 10 days of execution of this stipulation the Court shall appoint an independent expert. The expert shall consult with all parties and, within 30 days of his appointment or the Court's preliminary approval of this Stipulation (subject to notification of the class), which ever is longer, establish the minimum criteria for instruction (limited to minimum instruction time and time allocated to perform school assignments in the dormitory day room or other location) in the Dorm School, by which the defendants

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will thereafter be bound. Any party may ask the court to review the expert's recommendation and to modify it if it is unreasonable or contrary to law. The School and King County Defendants agree that youth shall not be automatically assigned to Dorm School for fighting, threatening, unsuccessful behavior contracts, for receiving dorm confinement two or more times in one week or a total of 16 hours in one week, or for any other reason. than as required by court order or upon the written and signed request of a youth, youth may be placed in Dorm School solely because the student's presence in a regular school program poses an immediate and continuing danger to the student, other students, or school personnel or an immediate continuing threat of escape or substantial disruption of the class, subject, activity, or educational process. Youth shall be removed from Dorm School and placed in a regular school program as soon as the conditions justifying placement in Dorm School are no longer present. Placement in Dorm School shall not be recorded in the youth's school record as a suspension or expulsion of any kind, and students in Dorm School shall have opportunities to earn school credit equivalent to students in a regular detention school In addition, the School District will maintain the right in Dorm School to invoke the same disciplinary standards, sanctions and procedures as are employed generally within the Seattle School District.

5. <u>Dorm School Procedures</u>. Other than placement in Dorm School upon the written and signed request of a youth, the exclusive procedures for placement of a youth in the Dorm School

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shall be as follows: (a) The decision to place a youth in Dorm School shall be made by the program manager or his designee and the detention unit supervisor or his designee. (b) As soon as reasonably possible following the decision to place a youth in Dorm School (but in any event before the commencement of the next school day), the youth shall be given a concise written notice indicating the reason for and length of the Dorm School placement and an informal hearing in which the school and detention staff shall meet with the student to examine the reasons for placing the youth in Dorm School and to permit the youth to offer opposition to that decision. A summary written memorandum shall be prepared stating the reasons why the youth was placed in Dorm School, that the youth was afforded the foregoing informal hearing, and the results of the hearing, and shall be signed by the members of the school and detention staff who attended the informal hearing. (C) If a youth remains in Dorm School for more than three days, the Defendants shall notify the youth's probation officer and send by letter deposited in the United States mail a written notice to the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the youth, to their last known The notice shall state the reason(s) for the youth's address. placement in Dorm School and shall also inform the parent or quardian of the right to an informal school conference and that continued enrollment in Dorm School may possibly be reduced as a result of such conference. (d) If the youth remains in Dorm School for five days, the King County Defendants shall direct the mental health staff to meet with the youth at the detention facility for an evaluation by that staff and appropriate

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YKM Illiolan treatment. The above procedures do not replace and shall not be construed as a waiver by youth, their parents or their guardians of their procedural rights with respect to provision of special educational services that may be required by law.

- 6. This Stipulation and Order resolves finally only plaintiffs' pending Motion for Preliminary Injunction re Dorm School and Mid School and their claims that youth should not be removed from a regular school program (a) due to lack of space or staff; (b) for non-school related conduct; and (c) without adequate procedural safeguards. To the extent plaintiffs have raised issues regarding inadequate resources, evaluation of students, and tailoring of educational materials to the needs of the students in Dorm and regular school programs, those claims are not resolved by this Stipulated Order and are specifically reserved for adjudication at a later time. Plaintiffs also specifically reserve all other claims in this lawsuit not subject to the preliminary injunction motion.
- 7. This Stipulation and Order shall not be construed as an admission of liability on any issue. This Stipulation and Order does not resolve any issue between and among the defendants or between any defendant and the State of Washington or any other party as to responsibility for the cost of the resources and services made available pursuant to this Stipulation and Order. The School Defendants specifically reserve their contentions that they have no legal responsibility for services at the detention center and that their responsibilities extend no farther than the funding provided by the State, and that the State or County are

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responsible for providing and funding any additional services, including any services provided under this Stipulated Order.

- 8. The parties shall bear their own costs and attorneys' fees with respect to all claims subject to this Stipulation and Order. Plaintiffs reserve the right to seek recovery of attorneys' fees and costs associated with all other claims in the lawsuit that are not resolved by this order, and with respect to any action to enforce this Stipulation and Order of Partial Settlement.
- To monitor compliance with the Stipulation and Order of Partial Settlement, the defendants shall on a weekly basis (for one year from the date of this Order and thereafter at the request of plaintiffs' counsel) send to plaintiffs' counsel the daily population sheets and regular school/dorm school enrollment sheets for the detention facility. Upon reasonable notice by plaintiffs' counsel, plaintiffs shall be given access to all records regarding placement in dorm school, including notice and summary memoranda required by paragraph 5 above. In the event that apparent violations of this Stipulation and Order of Partial Settlement have occurred, plaintiffs' counsel or their designees will contact counsel for the defendants in writing to seek resolution of the apparent violations. The parties shall make every effort to remedy problems and resolve differences relating to this Stipulation and Order by negotiation and cooperative action. Plaintiffs may move the court to enforce this Stipulation and Order of Partial Settlement in the event that issues are not resolved within 30 days following written notice to defendants or

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## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

- The provisions of the aforesaid Stipulation of partial settlement are hereby approved and adopted as the order of the Court and the defendants are ordered to comply therewith;
- Plaintiffs' claims regarding the Mid School and Dorm 2. School are hereby finally resolved as set forth in paragraph 6 of the Stipulation (above) and without costs or attorneys' fees to any party;
- 3. This Stipulation and Order of Partial Settlement shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be modified unless (a) a material change in state law is demonstrated, (b) the moving party is able to show a substantial change in circumstances, or (c) it is specifically modified by agreement of the parties.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this  $/ \sim$ 

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SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

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