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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI TA DIVISION

REBECCA E. HENRY, ET AL

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PLAINTIFFS

VERSUS

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THE CLARKSDALE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL

> ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND PRIOR ORDERS RELATED TO THE DESEGREGATION OF THE CLARKSDALE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO ALLOW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "MAGNET SCHOOLS"

THIS CAUSE having come on before the Court upon Defendant's Motion to Amend Prior Orders of this Court related to the desegregation of the Clarksdale Municipal School District, and the Plaintiffs having no objection thereto, and the Court having considered the same, does hereby find as follows:

That the remaining vestiges of Bi-Racial Committee previously established by this Court has voiced its approval of the implementation of "Magnet Schools" (Exhibit "B" to the Petition) and would further show that none of the original Plaintiffs in the action are living or in contact with the School District. That the Plaintiff has presented this proposal to the local NAACP which has evidenced its approval by the letter attached to the Petition as Exhibit "C". That the School District has applied for an additional magnet school grant which requires the district to obtain prior Court approval.

That a summary of the proposal is attached as Exhibit "A" to the Petition previously filed, which describes "Magnet Schools" and the manner in which they will be implemented in this School District. That as a result of this plan, the students will be allowed to select schools to which they are assigned according to their preferences as to the points of emphasis of any particular "Magnet School." That the proposal will have no effect upon the racial

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balance in the current schools as exhibited by Exhibit "D" attached to the Petition. That the

racial make up at all of the schools in the Clarksdale Municipal School District are almost

exactly the same as they were last year before the implementation of the magnet plan.

That the Defendant Clarksdale Municipal School District has shown that the proposed

implementation of the "Magnet School" plan would have no deleterious effect upon the

desegregation of the School District and is simply being accomplished in order to offer better

programs for the children of the School District and to improve the quality of education in the

School District.

That the Defendant has asked the Court to approve the plan as outlined in Exhibit "A"

attached to the Petition should the School District receive a grant being applied for or should

the School District otherwise deem it feasible to proceed with this plan.

The Court does hereby find that Defendant's Motion is well-taken and should be

granted, and the Court hereby approves the plan attached in Exhibit A to the Petition, and

the School District is hereby authorized to implement the plan.

SO ORDERED this, the load of ______, 2013.

APPROVED:

JOHN H. COCKE, Attorney for Clarksdale

Municipal School District

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