

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF

V.

NO. 4:82CV00866DPM

**PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 1, ET AL.**

DEFENDANTS

MRS. LORENE JOSHUA, ET AL.

INTERVENORS

KATHERINE KNIGHT, ET AL.

INTERVENORS

**STIPULATION BY JOSHUA INTERVENORS AND
PCSSD REGARDING UNITARY STATUS**

Come now Joshua Intervenors and Pulaski County Special School District (PCSSD) and for their stipulation and request for order state:

1. In its February 1, 2013 Status Report (Document 4814) PCSSD moved the Court for a partial declaration of unitary status with respect to four areas: Staffing, Special Education, Student Assignment, and Secondary Talented and Gifted, Pre-AP, and AP.

2. The Joshua Intervenors opposed the motion. The parties, upon consideration of evidence, have reached an agreement with respect to the motion. Joshua and PCSSD agree that PCSSD has substantially complied with its obligations in Plan 2000 regarding 1) Student Assignment and 2) Talented and Gifted, Advanced Placement and Honors programs. Joshua does not object to the Court's entry of an Order releasing these two areas from further court supervision. Joshua notes that PCSSD agrees that, except for record keeping and reporting requirements from which Joshua agrees it may be excused, it will continue general implementation of these areas though released until such time as the Court enters an Order with respect to the other remaining obligations of Plan 2000.

3. PCSSD agrees that it will submit to the Court on request a statement of the strategies that it has utilized to achieve unitary status with respect to the two subject areas the unitary status of which is agreed to herein.

4. The parties have reached tentative agreements but have some disputes with respect to the remaining issues. To that end, they respectfully request the Court's assistance by assigning this case to a United States Magistrate Judge, as was done by the Honorable Judge Bill Wilson in an earlier stage of the proceedings. We request that the Magistrate be cloaked with authority to assist the parties in reaching specific agreements and otherwise with such authority as may be necessary from time to time to assist the Court in fulfilling its jurisdictional responsibilities.

WHEREFORE, Joshua and PCSSD stipulate and agree that PCSSD may be declared unitary as to (1) Student Assignment, and (2) Talented and Gifted, Advanced Placement and Honors programs. The parties also stipulate and agree that federal court supervision over these areas may end. The parties further request the Court refer this matter to a United States magistrate judge for further proceedings, as requested in Paragraph 4 above.

Respectfully submitted,

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