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Dear Mr. McCormack,

Based upon a Resolution by the Sherwood City Council, please consider this letter an Objection by the City of Sherwood to the existing settlement agreement in the Pulaski County School Desegregation case.

This litigation has been ongoing for decades and a conclusion is needed. Sherwood does not wish to be an impediment to this conclusion, but the present language in the agreement places our City in a unique position that will result in a negative impact to this community. Specifically, the City objects to the language found in the last sentence of Sec. "E" regarding opposition for detachment of any other entity *except* the City of Jacksonville. This language was a last minute addition to the agreement.

The Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, appointed a committee to study the creation of a Sherwood school district. The committee began the statutory process to seek a feasibility study that would support this endeavor. To date, the data obtained by our

expert for that study indicates the proposed Sherwood school district would mirror the existing PCSSD in its demographics and would not negatively impact the PCSSD district as a result of detachment.

While Sherwood does not oppose the creation of a Jacksonville district, the agreement in its present form appears to contradict previous rulings by the Court regarding any detachment.

Respectfully, the City requests the removal of the limiting language.

Sincerely,

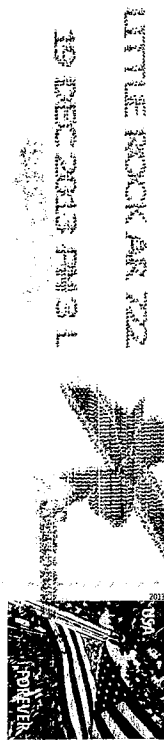
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