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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

IRMA J. SMITH, ET AL.
Plaintiffs

CIV. ACT. NO. 65-CV-11577

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Plaintiff-Intervenor

versus

CONCORDIA PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD, ET AL.
Defendants

JUDGE DEE D. DRELL

AMENDED ORDER

A telephone conference was held on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the request of Concordia Parish School Board (“Concordia”) regarding this court’s recent grant of Delta Charter School (“Delta”)’s motion to alter or amend the court’s prior Interim Ruling and Order (Docs. 172, 174, 175). Counsel for Concordia, Delta and the U.S. Department of Justice participated in the telephone conference.

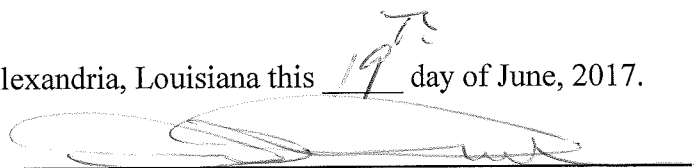
After discussion by the parties and the court, it is hereby

ORDERED that the order granting Delta’s motion (Doc. 175) is amended as follows: (1) Delta is permitted to retain for the 2017-2018 school year all of the individual students actually enrolled at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year, which shall total no more than the number represented by Delta’s motion as 372 students from Concordia Parish, 78 students from Catahoula Parish and 15 students from other parishes; (2) Delta is permitted to recruit and enroll a Kindergarten class for the 2017-2018 school year, which class shall at all times be comprised of

equal number of minority (African-American) and non-minority (Caucasian and other) students (i.e., a 1:1 ratio) with the total class size not to exceed 30 students,¹ regardless of each student's parish of domicile except that no Kindergarten student may be a resident of another parish under a desegregation order without approval, upon contradictory motion and hearing, of this court; (3) Delta shall not enroll any student to fill a vacancy created by attrition during the 2017-2018 school year, unless such enrollment is approved by the court or the Special Master to be appointed in this case; (4) in keeping with the court's prior rulings, enrollment of any new student from a parish under a current desegregation order will require, in order to be considered by this court, a contradictory motion filed into the record of this case and approval of same by the court.

It has come to the court's attention that at least one member of Delta's Board of Directors recently engaged in the use of social media which cast dispersion on the court's prior rulings in this case. As should be clear from prior proceedings, this court's aim is to provide the absolute best academic outcomes for as many children as possible in Concordia Parish. The public sentiment and, in particular, the willingness of parents to work together with school administrators is absolutely vital to the success of desegregation and, frankly, Delta's own livelihood. For this reason, we reiterate our instruction that **no comments regarding this case be made by any party in the media.** We caution that any party failing to adhere to this instruction risks sanctions before this court.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana this 19th day of June, 2017.


DEE D. DRELL, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

¹ Delta indicated during the June 15, 2017 telephone conference that it received seven (7) applications from African-American students for its 2017-18 Kindergarten class. To the extent that any African-American applicant is not admitted to Delta for the 2017-18 academic year, Delta shall submit an explanation of such denial to the Special Master and the parties.