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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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JOYCE MARIE MOORE, ET AL.
VERSUS
TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD, ET AL.

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 15556
SECTION "C"

O R D E R

Considering the pleadings and stipulations of the parties, investigations of the Compliance Officer and status conference reports of the parties:

IT IS ORDERED that the ~~buffer zones~~ established within the school attendance zones by the defendants are hereby declared unconstitutional and shall be abolished effective for the 1984-85 school year;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendants, for the 1984-85 school year, shall assign white students within the buffer zone areas to majority black schools that they could have attended, and shall assign black students within the buffer zone areas to the majority white schools that they could have attended;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by August 10, 1984, the defendants shall file with the Court a separate listing for each buffer zone within the school system, showing the name, grade and race of each student, together with the name of the school

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attended during the 1983-84 school year and the school to which the student will be assigned for the 1984-85 school year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that students in the 12th grade, and who are scheduled to graduate during the 1984-85 school year, shall have the option of remaining in the schools that they are presently attending.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this the 12th day of July, 1984.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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MEMORANDUM ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE SETTING OF ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES
FOR SCHOOLS IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH

As a result of the survey done by the staff from Louisiana State University, and as a result of meetings, etc., the following are the recommended school by school attendance boundaries for the public schools in Tangipahoa Parish.

I.

KENTWOOD SCHOOLS
Kentwood Elementary (K-6)
Kentwood High (7-12)

The attendance zone for Kentwood Elementary and Kentwood High School should be as follows:

Beginning at a point where the St. Helena-Tangipahoa Parish line and the Louisiana-Mississippi State line meet, thence South along the St. Helena-Tangipahoa Parish line to but not including Highway 10, thence east along said Highway to the intersection of Highway 10 and U.S. Highway 51, thence east along a line extending from Highway 10 to the Tangipahoa River, thence north along the meanderings of the Tangipahoa River to the Louisiana-Mississippi State line, thence west along said line to the point of beginning.

II.

SPRING CREEK SCHOOL (K-12)

A. The attendance zone for Spring Creek High School should be as follows:

Beginning at a point where the Louisiana-Mississippi State line and the Tangipahoa River intersect thence south along the meanderings of the Tangipahoa River to a point where said river and Highway 1057 intersect; thence east along Highway 1057 to the point where Highways 1057 and 1061 intersect; thence southeast

along Highway 1061 to a point where it intersects with Highway 440; thence east along Highway 440 to the intersection of Highways 440 and 1057; thence east on Highway 1057 to the Tangipahoa-Washington Parish line; thence follow the Tangipahoa-Washington Parish line in a northerly direction to the Louisiana-Mississippi State line, thence west along the Louisiana-Mississippi State line to the Tangipahoa River which is the point of beginning.

B. The School Board further desires to create a zone where by children who live inside the following zone which would otherwise be included in the Chesbrough School district may have the option of attending Spring Creek School because attendance at the various schools inside the following zone was found to be mixed. The zone is described as follows and those children who live within this zone may have the option of attending Spring Creek School if they so desire. The zone is described as follows:

That certain area located in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, which is south of Highway 440, east of Highway 1061 and bounded on the east by Tangipahoa-Washington Parish line and bounded on the south by the south section lines of sections 38, 23, 24, 19, 20, and 21 of Township 2 South, Range 8 East.

III.

CHESBROUGH SCHOOL (K-12)

The attendance zone for Chesbrough School should be as follows:

A. Beginning at a point where the Tangipahoa River and Highway 1057 intersect; thence East along Highway 1057 to the point where Highway 1057 and 1061 intersect; thence Southeast along Highway 1061 to a point where said Highway intersects with Highway 440; thence East along said Highway to the intersection of Highways 440 and 1057; thence East on Highway 1057 to the Tangipahoa-Washington Parish line; thence Southeasterly along the Tangipahoa-Washington Parish line to the Northeast corner of Section 23, T3S, R9E; thence West along the Northern boundary of Sections 23, 22 and 21 of said Township and Range to the Dummy line Road; thence North along said road to the intersection of Dummy Line Road and Highway 1061 (Mixon Road); thence West along Highway 1061 to the intersection of said Highway and Highway 1054; thence South along Highway 1054 to the intersection of Highway 1054 and Ward Line which is also the Township line between T3S, and T4S, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana; *change added. JEM*
Thence Westerly to Tangipahoa River; thence Northerly along the meanderings of the Tangipahoa River to the point of beginning.

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B. Another zone of joint attendance between Chesbrough School students and Amite School students will be described following the description for Amite School. Children living in that zone shall have the option of either attending Amite School/^{except Roseland}(K-12) or Chesbrough School (K-12) because of mixed attendance in the area as shown by the survey.

IV.

AMITE SCHOOLS

Amite Elementary K-4
Roseland Elementary K-4
Westside Middle 5-8
Amite High (9-12)

A. New attendance zones for all Amite Area Schools (Amite Elementary, Roseland, Westside Middle and Amite High School) should be drawn as follows:

Starting where the Southwest corner of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 6 East intersects the St. Helena Parish-Tangipahoa Parish line; proceed thence in an Easterly direction to Southeast corner of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 6 East; thence Northerly to the Northwest corner of Section 45, Township 4 South, Range 6 East; thence Easterly to Northeast corner of Section 44, Township 4 South, Range 7 East; thence in a Southerly direction along section line of Section 44, to Northwest corner of Section 30, Township 4 South, Range 7 East; thence due East along the North line of Sections 30, 29, 28 and 43 to Tangipahoa River; thence North along the meanderings of the Tangipahoa River to Highway 16; thence East along Highway 16 to the Tchefuncte River; thence North along Tchefuncte River to the Southeast corner of Section 14, Township 3 South, Range 9 East; thence West along Northern boundary of Sections 23, 22 and 21 of said Township and Range to the Dummy Line Road; thence North along said road to intersection of Dummy Line Road and Highway 1061 (Mixon Road); thence West along Highway 1061 to intersection of said Highway and Highway 1054; thence South along Highway 1054 to intersection of Highway 1054 and Ward Line which is also the Township line between T3S, and T4S, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana; thence West to the Tangipahoa River; thence ~~North along the meanderings of the Tangipahoa River~~ to a point where said River intersects the line between Wards 1 and 3; thence West along said Ward Line to the St. Helena-Tangipahoa Parish boundary; thence South along said Parish line to the point of beginning.

B. There is created a zone involving the Amite area schools, except Roseland Elementary, with the Chesbrough School district to allow students who live in the following areas to attend the school of their option :

This zone is one-half mile on each side of Highways 1054 and 1061 starting at the ward line on Highway 1054 to Highway 1061 and concluding at the intersection of Highway 1061 with Dummy Line Road in Section 12, Township 3 South, Range 8 East, one and one-half mile South of Wilmer.

C. The boundary between Amite Elementary and Roseland

Elementary would be as follows:

Southern City limits of Roseland beginning at the Tangipahoa River; thence from the Southwest corner of the City limits extending West and Southwest along Seibert Road, to the intersection of said road with Highway 1046; thence Northwest on Highway 1046 to the St. Helena-Tangipahoa Parish line. Northern boundary is Highway 10 and an extension of Highway 10 East to the Tangipahoa River. All children whose residences face the Seibert Road or deadends of said road go to Roseland.

4d-There is created a zone involving the Amite area schools, except Roseland Elementary, with the Loranger Elementary and Loranger High School to allow students to attend the school of their option within a zone which is bounded North by the Ward Line, South and East by Highway 16, and West by the Tangipahoa River.

V.

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOLS

Independence Elementary (-K-4)

Independence Middle (5-8)

Independence High (9-12)

A. The attendance zone for Independence High School should

be as follows:

Starting where the North boundary of Headright 43, Township 4, South, Range 7 East crosses the Tangipahoa River, thence proceed due West to the Northwest corner of Section 30, Township 4 South, Range 7 East; thence in a Northerly direction to the Northeast corner of Section 44, Township 4 South, Range 7 East; thence proceed in a Westerly direction to the Northwest corner of Section 45, Township 4 South, Range 7 East; thence proceed in a Southerly direction to the Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 7 East; thence due West along the North boundary of Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 7 East to Tangipahoa-St. Helena Parish line; thence South along the Tangipahoa Parish-St. Helena Parish line to Highway 1064 (Natalbany Road); thence East along said Highway to Highway 443 (Morris Road); thence Northeast along Highway 443 to its intersection with a blacktop road known as River Road at "Wainwright's" Garage; thence in a Northwesterly direction to the intersection of River Road with Stafford Road East; thence due East along the South line of Section 44, Township 5 South, Range 8 East to Tangipahoa River; thence up the meanderings of the Tangipahoa River to the point of beginning.

B. The boundaries for Independence Elementary and

Independence Middle Schools should correspond to those of the Independence High School on the North, East and West. From the South, the boundary should be as follows:

Begin at the Southwest corner of Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 6 East; thence East 6 miles to the Southeast corner of Section 23, Township 5 South, Range 7 East thence North to the Tangipahoa River

VI.

NATALBANY-TICKFAW SCHOOLS

Nesom Elementary (K-8)
Natalbany Middle (5-8)
Midway Elementary (K-4)

A. The attendance zone boundaries for the Nesom District should be as follows:

Begin at the Southwest corner of Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 6 East; thence East 6 miles to the Southeast corner of Section 23, Township 5 South, Range 7 East; thence North to the Tangipahoa River; thence South along the meanderings of said river to Highway 443 (Morris Road); thence Southwest along Highway 443 to a point where it intersects Highway 1064; thence West along the line dividing Townships 5 South and 6 South to the Tangipahoa-Livingston Parish line; thence North to the point of beginning.

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B. The attendance zone boundary for Midway and Natalbany Schools on the North should correspond to that described above for the Southern boundary of Nesom. The Western boundary of this zone will be the Livingston-Tangipahoa Parish line. The Southern and Eastern boundary will be along a line which begins at the Southwest corner of Section 13, T6S, R6E, on the Livingston-Tangipahoa Parish line and proceeds East to the Southeast corner of Section 16, T6S, R7E, thence Northerly to the Kohnke Hill Road, thence East along same and extensions thereof to the Southeast corner of Section 8, T6S, R8E, thence Northerly to the Southeast corner of Section 5, T6S, R8E, thence East to the Southeast corner of Section 4, T6S, R8E; thence Northerly to the Northeast corner of Section 4, T6S, R8E; thence East to Tangipahoa River; thence up Tangipahoa River to its intersection with Highway 443, said intersection being the Southeast corner of the Nesom School District also.

C. There is established a zone involving the Natalbany Middle (5-8) Midway Elementary (K-4) and the Hammond Elementary Schools whereby children in grades K-8 who live in the following area shall have the option of attending, depending on their grade, either the Midway Elementary School, Natalbany Middle School, or the school which the student would attend if he or she resided within zone 3 of the Hammond Elementary School District. This zone is described as follows, to-wit:

Begin at the Southwest corner of Section 13, T6S, R6E, and proceed Easterly to Highway 51; thence proceed North on U.S. Highway 51 to Kohnke Hill Road; thence Westerly to the Tangipahoa-Livingston Parish Line; thence South to the point of beginning.

D. There is created a zone involving Nesom Elementary Schools and Midway and Natalbany Schools to allow students who live in the following area the option to attend either, depending on grade, Midway Elementary, Natalbany Middle School or Nesom Elementary. This zone is described as follows:

The zone is that parcel of land bounded East by U.S. Highway 51, North by New Genessee Road and extensions thereof due West to Livingston-Tangipahoa Parish Line, South by Old Genessee Road and extensions thereof due West to Livingston-Tangipahoa Parish line and Westerly by Livingston-Tangipahoa Parish line.

F. There is created a zone involving Midway Elementary, Natalbany Middle, and the Hammond Elementary School District to allow students who live in the following area, and who live along laterals North of the following zone and East of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad tracks, to attend the school of their option, being either Midway Elementary, Natalbany Middle, or the school which the student would attend if he or she resided within the Hammond Elementary School District (those students West of Morris Road attend zone 1, those students East of Morris Road attend zone 2 of the Hammond Elementary School District). This zone is described as follows:

Begin where Natalbany Road intersects the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and proceed Southerly along said Railroad tracks to South boundary of Midway and Natalbany School District; thence East to the Southeast corner of Section 8, T6S, R8E, at the Vinyard Road; thence follow the Vinyard Road and extensions thereof to the Tangipahoa River; thence proceed up the Tangipahoa River to its intersection with Highway 443; thence Southerly along Highway 443 (Morris Road) to its intersection with the Natalbany Road; thence due West along the Natalbany Road to the point of beginning.

VII.

HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL
(9-12)

A. New attendance zone boundaries for Hammond High School should be drawn as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Tangipahoa-St. Tammany Parish line with the Township line between Township 5 South and 6 South (at Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 9 East, proceed thence due Westerly to intersection of Township line and Highway 445; thence South on said Highway to junction of Highway 445 and the Chapepeela Creek Road. Thence Northwest on Chapepeela Creek Road to Township line (Township line is presently boundary between Wards 5 and 8) thence Westerly on said Township line to the Tangipahoa River; thence Northerly up the Tangipahoa River to the Southeast corner of Section 44, T5S, R8 E; thence proceed in a Westerly direction along the South line of said Section 44, T5S, R8E, to the Stafford Road East; thence South along Stafford Road East and extensions thereof to the Southeast corner of Section 31, T5S, R7E; thence Westerly along the South line of Sections 31, and 36 to intersection with Old Genessee Road; thence along same and extensions thereof Westerly to Parish line with Tangipahoa and St. Helena Parishes; thence Southerly along Parish line until Parish line crosses Natalbany River; thence South along Natalbany River to Interstate Highway 12; thence East along Interstate Highway 12 to South Baptist Road; thence South along South Baptist Road to General Ott Road; thence along same to Yellow Water Creek and thence Southerly down same to Buzzard Glory Road (Hammond Land-Fill Road); thence East along same to Happy Woods Road; thence North to the intersection of Happy Woods Road and Fred Clark Road; thence Southeasterly along Fred Clark Road and extensions to Ponchatoula Creek; thence along same Northerly up Ponchatoula Creek to interstate 12; thence East along the interstate 12 to Tangipahoa River; thence up Tangipahoa River to Washley Creek; thence Northeasterly traversing Washley Creek to Highway 190; thence East along Highway 190 to Tangipahoa-St. Tammany Parish line; thence Northerly up the Parish line between Tangipahoa and St. Tammany Parishes to the point of beginning.

B. As a result of the attendance zone boundaries set forth for Hammond High School and Independence High Schools, the zones overlap on the South boundary of Independence High School and on the North boundary for Hammond High School. Children living within that zone have the option of attendance at either school and this zone is also deemed to include those children who live on dead-end laterals which proceed North of the Old Genessee Road or Southerly from the Natalbany Road (Highway 1064).

C. Hammond High and Ponchatoula High attendance on boundary roads is further defined as follows:

- a. Those students living on Buzzard Glory Road, Happy Woods Road, or General Ott Road (either side of the three roads) and/or dead-end laterals of same must attend Hammond High School.
- b. Those students living along South Baptist Road or Fred Clark Road (either side of same) or dead-end laterals of either must attend Ponchatoula High School.

VIII.

LORANGER SCHOOLS
Loranger Elementary (K-8)
Loranger High (9-12)

The attendance zone for Loranger Elementary and Loranger High School should be as follows:

Beginning at a point where Highway 16 intersects the Tangipahoa River; thence Northeast along said highway to the intersection of Highway 16 and the Tchefuncte River; thence South along the meanderings of the Tchefuncte River to the point where the Tchefuncte River crosses into St. Tammany Parish; thence along the St. Tammany-Tangipahoa Parish line to the Southeast corner of Section 36, T5S, R9E; thence West along said township line to the intersection of said township line and Highway 445; thence Southwesterly on Highway 445 to the intersection of said Highway and Chappedeela Creek Road; thence Northwesterly along said road to the intersection of said road and the Ward line between Wards 5 and 8; thence West along said Ward line to the Tangipahoa River; thence North along the meanderings of said River to the point of beginning.

All children living on the portion of Highway 445 and on the Prevost Road as well as the Chappedeela Creek Road, which form part of the Southern Boundary, attend school in the Loranger School District. Any children living on dead-end roads egressing on to said portion of Highway 445, Prevost Road and Chappedeela Creek Road also attend school in Loranger School District.

IX.

HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1. The attendance zone boundaries for Hammond Elementary Schools collectively should be as follows:

Begin at the Southwest corner of Section 13, T6S, R6E, and proceed thence Easterly to the Southeast corner of Section 16, T6S, R7E; thence North to Kohnke Hill Road; thence East along same and extensions thereof

to the Southeast corner of Section 8, T6S, R8E; thence North to the Southeast corner of Section 5, T6S, R8E; thence East to Southeast corner of Section 4, T6S, R8E; thence North to Northeast corner of Section 4, T6S, R8E; thence East to the Tangipahoa River; thence South along the meanderings of said River to interstate highway 12; thence Westerly along I-12 to Ponchatoula Creek Intersection; thence along Ponchatoula Creek to its intersection with Fred Clark Road and extensions thereof; thence Northwesterly along Fred Clark Road and extensions thereof to intersection of Happy Woods Road and Fred Clark Road; thence Southerly to the intersection of Happy Woods Road with Buzzard Glory Road (Hammond Land-Fill Road); thence Westerly along Buzzard Glory Road to intersection with Yellow Water Creek; thence up Yellow Water Creek to General Ott Road; thence up General Ott Road to where it intersects with South Baptist Road; thence Northerly to intersection of South Baptist Road and interstate 12; thence Westerly along interstate 12 to Natalbany River at Parish line; thence Northerly to point of beginning.

should be ~~sub-divided into 4 attendance areas~~, as follows: 110
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The Hammond Elementary School attendance zone is sub-divided into three attendance areas. Zone one includes all students who live within an area which is described as beginning on the North line of the Hammond Elementary School District where Highway 51 intersects said North line; thence proceed South along Highway 51 to Thomas Street; thence East along Thomas Street to Cate Street; thence North to Robinson Street; thence East along Robinson Street and the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad old right-of-way to Morris Road; thence North along Morris Road to where the North line of the Hammond Elementary School District intersects Morris Road; thence Westerly along the North line of the Hammond Elementary School District to the point of beginning. Zone two concerns all students who live in an area that is described as being that portion of the Hammond Elementary School Attendance Zone which lies East of a line which begins at the North boundary of the Hammond Elementary School Attendance District where it intersects with the Morris Road; thence Southerly to Old Illinois Central Gulf Railroad right-of-way; thence Westerly along Old Illinois Central Gulf Railroad right-of-way and Robinson Street to Cate Street; thence South on Cate Street to Coleman Avenue; thence West to Jackson Road; thence due South down Jackson Road and extensions thereof to the South boundary of the Hammond Elementary School District. Zone three concerns those students who live West of a line which begins at the intersection of the North line of the Hammond Elementary School District with Highway 51; thence South to Thomas Street; thence East to Cate Street; thence South along Cate Street to Coleman Avenue; thence West to Jackson Road; thence due South on Jackson Road and extensions to the South boundary of the Hammond Elementary School District.

Children who reside within Zone One attend Pine Ridge School for grades K-2 and the Crystal Street School for grades 3-6. Children who reside within Zone Two attend Woodland Park School for grades K-4 and Hammond Eastside School for grades 5-6. Children who live in zone three attend Mooney Avenue School for grades K-3. Fourth and Fifth graders within zone three attend Hammond Eastside School and sixth graders within zone three attend Crystal Street School. Children in grade seven over the entire Hammond Elementary School District attend Annie Eastman School. Children in grade eight over the entire Hammond Elementary School District attend Hammond Junior High School.

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PONCHATOULA SCHOOLS

1. Boundaries for the Ponchatoula High School attendance zone should be as follows:

Commencing at the Parish line at the Natalbany River with Livingston Parish, go south along Natalbany River to Interstate Highway 12; thence east along I-12 to South Baptist Road; thence south along South Baptist Road to General Ott Road; thence along same to Yellow Water Creek and then down same southerly to Buzzard Glory Road (Hammond Land Fill Road); thence east along same to Happy Woods Road; thence north to the intersection of Happy Woods Road and Fred Clark Road; thence southeasterly along Fred Clark Road and extensions to Ponchatoula Creek; thence along same northerly up Ponchatoula Creek to Interstate 12; thence east along I-12 to Tangipahoa River; thence up Tangipahoa River to Washely Creek; thence northeasterly traversing Washely Creek to Highway 190; thence east along Highway 190 to Parish line with St. Tammany Parish. ✓

All the area South of this line is the Ponchatoula High School District, subject to the statements concerning those students who reside along South Baptist Road and Fred Clark Road or dead-end laterals of same as mentioned in preceding paragraphs concerning the boundary of Hammond High School vis-a-vis Ponchatoula High School.

2. Boundaries for Ponchatoula Area Elementary Schools should correspond to those for Ponchatoula High School on the North, West, and South. The Eastern boundary for Ponchatoula Area Elementary Schools should be the Tangipahoa River, which is the Western boundary of the Champ Cooper District.

XI.

CHAMP COOPER (K-8)

The boundaries for Champ Cooper School District are as follows:

11a-The West boundary is the Tangipahoa River; the East boundary is the Tangipahoa-St. Tammany Parish line; The South boundary is the South boundary of Tangipahoa Parish; the North boundary begins where the line of division between Township 5 South and Township 6 South meets the Tangipahoa-St. Tammany Parish line, thence Westerly to the intersection of said Township line and Highway 445, thence Southeasterly on Highway 445 to the intersection of said Highway and Chappapeela Creek Road, thence Northwesterly along said Road to the Township line which is also the Ward Line between wards five and eight, and thence Westerly along said Township line to the Tangipahoa River.

11b-There is created a zone involving Loranger Elementary School (K-8) and Champ Cooper School (K-8) to allow students who live in the following area to attend the School of their option. This area is defined as being that portion of Highway 445 which forms part of the Northern boundary, that portion of Chappapella Creek Road which forms part of the Northern Boundary, the Prevost Road, and Dead-end Roads that egress onto the above mentioned roads.

XII.

Students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades during the year 1977-78 that may not be included in preceding paragraphs may attend their present school of attendance until graduation.