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LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Los Angeles, California
August 5, 1963

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LOS ANGELES CITY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT:

The following correspondence, addressed to the Board of Education, is submitted with
recommended disposition as shown below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION</u>
6. Loren Miller Thomas G. Neuson Samuel C. Sheats A. L. Wirin Fred Okrand Herbert A. Bernhard Attorneys for Plaintiffs	Summons and Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunction, Order to Show Cause, Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Points and Authorities on Order to Show Cause, Superior Court Action No. 822854, Mary Ellen Crawford, a Minor, by Ellen Crawford, her Guardian Ad Litem; et al, Plaintiffs, vs. Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, Defendant, asking judgment requiring Board to correct racial imbalance at Jordan High School	Refer to Superintendent for reference to County Counsel to take steps necessary to protect the interests of the school districts; Controller to draw warrants in such amounts as may be necessary for payment of costs and fees.

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NOTICE OF CAPACITY IN WHICH SUMMONS SERVED
(CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 410)

TO:

YOU ARE HEREBY SERVED IN THE WITHIN ACTION OR
PROCEEDING ON BEHALF OF

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

AS A PERSON UPON WHOM THE SUMMONS AND A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT
MUST BE SERVED TO EFFECT SERVICE AGAINST SAID PARTY UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, SECTION:

_____ 388 (AS AGAINST ASSOCIATES DOING BUSINESS
UNDER A COMMON NAME)

X 411 (AS AGAINST A CORPORATION)

_____ YOU ARE ALSO SERVED AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

(SERVICE MADE AS CHECKED ABOVE)

8/1/63

Call Mr. Langstaff @ Brennan's off.

3- copies

8/2/63 Mat' arrived
3:30 P.M.

1- copy to Jimmy C.C.
(Jimmy not in this apt.)

Jerry Holman
signature 1st cause
very Ellen Crawford
vs. Edm.
Jordon (H)

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Mr. Edwards:

The distribution discussed on this
matter has been made, ie; Langstaff 2;
Halverson 1; files 1.

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Mr. Harold W. Kennedy, County Counsel
648 County Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles 12, California

Attn: Mr. Clarence H. Langstaff, Asst. County Counsel

Gentlemen:

We enclose Summons and Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunction; Order to Show Cause; Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Points and Authorities on Order to Show Cause; Superior Court Action No. 322854, Mary Ellen Crawford, a Minor, by Ellen Crawford, her Guardian Ad Litem; Inita Watkins, a Minor, by Clara M. Watkins, her Guardian Ad Litem, for and in behalf of themselves and all pupils of the David Starr Jordan High School, Plaintiffs, vs Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, Defendants.

This action was served on the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, in the Board Secretariat, on the person of Mrs. Gertrude Chase, Hearing Secretary, on Friday, August 2, 1963.

It would appear that this action is brought on behalf of two Negro students at David Starr Jordan High School, and also on behalf of all the pupils of said high school, claiming all have been discriminated against solely because of their race. It is further stated that South Gate High School, approximately one and one-half miles distant from Jordan High School, is virtually 97% White, compared to 99% Negro at Jordan High School.

The Plaintiffs contend that the defendant Board is under two legal and constitutional duties:

1. Not to take any affirmative action which maintains and/or perpetuates racial imbalance; and, hence, not to enlarge or rebuild the Jordan High School, without first taking steps to desegregate said High School, and
2. To take affirmative corrective measures to remove the racial imbalance at said High School.

The defendant Board contends that it has neither of the above two legal or constitutional duties.

Therefore, plaintiffs seek, for themselves, and for all of the pupils at said Jordan High School, relief as follows:

1. For a declaratory judgment

- a) declaring their rights, if any, herein; and declaring the duties, if any, of the defendant Board;
 - b) declaring that the defendant Board is under a legal and constitutional duty to take immediate measures to correct the racial imbalance at the Jordan High School.
2. For a judgment adjudging the acts of the defendant Board to have deprived the plaintiffs of the equal protection of the laws, and of due process of law.
 3. For a judgment requiring the defendant Board to take, forthwith, steps to correct the racial imbalance at the Jordan High School.
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 5. For such other relief as may be appropriate; and for their costs.

Receipt of this action will be reported to the Board at its next Regular Meeting Monday, August 5, 1963.

May we ask that your office take whatever steps necessary to protect the interests of the Los Angeles City Board of Education and the Los Angeles Unified School District of Los Angeles County.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Edwards
Clerk of the Board

JRE:rw

Enc.

cc: Mr. Clarence H. Langstaff

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