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Ms. Lisa M. Taylor
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Dear Ms. Lisa M. Taylor,

I wrote you a few months ago regarding Castor School in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. A copy of the letter is enclosed. I am unaware of any action taken by the Justice Department. I live outside the district. My child wants to go to Castor. I have explained that is not legal to go to Castor as we live outside the Castor district. Living outside the Castor district does not seem to make any difference to the Castor School. The personnel at Castor School have been told not to inquire regarding ones' residence.

I am curious why the children in DeSoto Parish could not attend North DeSoto School while people who live outside Bienville Parish and outside Castor School district can attend Castor.

If the Justice Department wants to enforce the order, it will be easy to enforce. Simply, let those at Castor know the school will be closed down if Castor continues to allow students living outside the district to continue to attend the Castor School. Those who live in the district will provide the names of those who do not to save the school.

As the Justice Department is not willing to enforce the desegregation order, I have enclosed a motion and order to dismiss the desegregation order. Please sign and file the order dismissing the desegregation.

cc: U.S. Justice Department, Civil Rights Division
Robert G. James, U.S. District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
SHREVEPORT DIVISON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:66-12177

VERSUS

SCHOOL BOARD OF BEINVILLE

JUDGE ROBERT G. JAMES

PARISH, ET AL

Joint motion and order to dismiss on the motion of the Justice Department of the United States of America and the Bienville Parish School Board this matter should be dismissed with prejudice.

ATTORNEY FOR BIENVILLE PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

ATTORNEY FOR THE
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Order

Considering the joint motion and order to dismiss,

It is hereby ordered that this matter is dismissed with prejudice.

JUDGE

DATE

March 19, 2013

TO: Ms. Lisa M. Taylor
U.S. Justice Department
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This letter is regarding the Castor School located in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. The school is located within the Bienville Parish School system which is under a desegregation order from the U S Justice Department. The case is entitled USA vs School Board of Bienville Parish, et al; civil action no. 5:66-12177; United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana. Castor is a small community located within Bienville Parish. The school is named after the community. In the last three years the student enrollment has doubled. This increase is not from residents moving within the school district but by "white flight". Castor student make up is 10% minority. This flight is coming from the neighboring parishes of Red River and Natchitoches as well as residents of Bienville who reside outside of the Castor school district. Red River consolidated its school system a few years ago and only operates one school for the parish. The Red River School system is made up of a majority of black students. The white residents of Red River are travelling to Castor, a predominately white school. Many white residents of northern Natchitoches Parish are traveling to Castor for the same reasons, "white flight". Again "white flight" is reason for the white Bienville students crossing district lines.

Castor school is aware of the "white flight" and accepts it as such increases its enrollment and thus state funding. The school is very lax on what it accepts to show you reside within the Castor school system. The issue could be easily resolved by checking where the parents of the students vote and where they claim their homestead exemption for property tax purposes. These parents are not stupid and if notice is given they will register to vote in Bienville Parish and such other acts to show they reside in Bienville Parish when they do not. Thus if an investigation is made then a date should be chosen, say January 1, 2013 and if your homestead exemption and voting district is not within the Castor school district on that date, then it is presumed you do not live within the Castor school district. Thus your children will not be allowed to continue to attend Castor School.

If the Justice Department does not investigate this situation then it is saying it no longer enforces the desegregation order and such supervision by the Justice Department over the Bienville Parish School System should cease. If that is not the intent of the Justice Department then enforce the desegregation order.

As this is a hot issue for the area in which I live, I withhold my name and address. However, the drastic increase enrollment in Castor can be easily determined as well as the number of white/black students. From there it can be easily determined, of the recent increase, how many were white. The puzzle is not that hard to put together. The harder question is; will the Justice Department enforce the desegregation order?

Concerned Citizen

cc: U.S. Justice Department, Shreveport Louisiana

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