

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	CIVIL ACTION
	§	
Vs.	§	
	§	NO. 3:70-cv-04100-K
GARLAND INDEPENDENT	§	
SCHOOL DISTRICT	§	

QUARTERLY REPORT
TO JUDGE ED KINKEADE
June 15, 2013



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The Honorable Ed Kinkeade, Judge
United States District Court for the
Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division
1100 Commerce Street, Room #15E6
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RE: The United States of America, et al
v. Garland Independent School
District, No. CA3-4100R

Dear Judge Kinkeade:

Pursuant to the order in the Agreed Judgment of July 14, 1987, please accept this letter and accompanying exhibits as the Garland Independent School District's June semi-annual report on the status of the Freedom of Choice Plan (with Court-ordered Modifications, as Amended in 1987). The report will be reviewed by the local Board of Trustees on June 25, 2013, and by the Multi-Ethnic Committee at their first meeting in August.

The points enumerated below describe current conditions and developments since the last report of December 15, 2012. The narrative portion of the report continues to be abbreviated and the accompanying exhibits provide corroborative and supplemental data.

Major occurrences since December 15, 2012, are as follows:

1. The school year ended at the three elementary academies (Kimberlin, Hillside, and Walnut Glen), the four math-science-technology centers (Watson, Beaver, Jackson, and North Garland), the middle school academy (Austin), the Classical Centers (Vial and Brandenburg), and the magnet programs at Garland and Lakeview Centennial High Schools with only minor changes in enrollment and ethnic percentages since the December 15 report.

See Exhibit 1.

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2. The annual thirty-day Freedom of Choice period for secondary campuses ended on February 22, 2013, and the annual thirty-day Freedom of Choice period for elementary campuses ended on April 1, 2013. This is the time parents selected the school(s) they wish their children to attend in 2013-14. With reference to Austin, Hillside, Kimberlin, Walnut Glen, Beaver, Watson, Jackson MST, North Garland MST, the Classical Centers at Vial and Brandenburg, and the magnet programs at GHS and LCHS, it was then important to screen applicants for these schools and fill spaces. Based on the screening exercise at the other campuses, the following figures are pertinent:
 - a. Hillside currently has 329 gifted/talented students enrolled for the fall. Included are 38 Kindergartners, 41 first graders, 61 second graders, 66 third graders, 60 fourth graders, and 63 fifth graders. Of this total number, 96 (29.18%) will be White; 30 (9.12%) will be Black; 59 (17.93%) will be Asian; 3 (0.91%) will be American Indian; 129 (39.21%) will be Hispanic; and 12 (3.65%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.
 - b. Kimberlin currently has 336 gifted/talented students enrolled for the fall. Included are 33 Kindergartners, 65 first graders, 64 second graders, 54 third graders, 55 fourth graders, and 65 fifth graders. Of this total number, 136 (40.48%) will be White; 47 (13.99%) will be Black; 30 (8.93%) will be Asian; 3 (0.89%) will be American Indian; 106 (31.55%) will be Hispanic; and 14 (4.17%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.
 - c. Walnut Glen currently has 359 gifted/talented students enrolled for the fall. Included are 33 Kindergartners, 57 first graders, 64 second graders, 66 third graders, 68 fourth graders, and 71 fifth graders. Of this total number, 103 (28.69%) will be White; 13 (3.62%) will be Black; 64 (17.83%) will be Asian; 5 (1.39%) will be American Indian; 161 (44.85%) will be Hispanic; and 13 (3.62%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.
 - d. Beaver Technology Center for Math and Science currently has 322 MST students enrolled for the fall. Included are 33 Kindergartners, 38 first graders, 62 second graders, 71 third graders, 57 fourth graders, and 61 fifth graders. Of this number, 92 (28.57%) will be White; 39 (12.11%) will be Black; 82 (25.47%) will be Asian; 102 (31.68%) will be Hispanic; 1 (0.31%) will be Pacific Islander; and 5 (1.55%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.
 - e. Watson Technology Center for Math and Science currently has 346 MST students enrolled for the fall. Included are 33 Kindergartners, 45 first graders, 70 second graders, 70 third graders, 59 fourth graders, and 69 fifth graders. Of this number, 104 (30.06%) will be White; 66 (19.08%) will be Black; 50 (14.45%) will be Asian; 1 (0.29%) will be American Indian; 119 (34.39%) will be Hispanic; and 5 (1.45%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.

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- f. Austin currently has 681 gifted/talented students enrolled for the fall. Included are 220 sixth graders, 233 seventh graders, and 228 eighth graders. Of this total number, 246 (36.12%) will be White; 77 (11.31%) will be Black; 122 (17.91%) will be Asian; 4 (0.59%) will be American Indian; 209 (30.69%) will be Hispanic; and 23 (3.38%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.
- g. Garland High School's IB Program has 537 students enrolled in the fall. Included are 178 tenth graders, 182 eleventh graders, and 177 twelfth graders. Of this total number, 199 (37.06%) will be White; 1 (0.19%) will be Pacific Islander; 61 (11.36%) will be Black; 112 (20.86%) will be Asian; 3 (0.56%) will be American Indian; 150 (27.93%) will be Hispanic; and 11 (2.05%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.
- h. At Jackson Middle School, there are currently 636 students enrolled in the MST component for the fall. Included will be 230 sixth graders, 218 seventh graders, and 188 eighth graders. Of this total number, 193 (30.35%) will be White; 94 (14.78%) will be Black; 112 (17.61%) will be Asian; 4 (0.63%) will be American Indian; 219 (34.43%) will be Hispanic; and 17 (2.20%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.
- i. At North Garland High School, there are currently 762 students enrolled in the MST component for the fall. Included will be 236 ninth graders, 185 tenth graders, 169 eleventh graders, and 172 twelfth graders. Of this number, 122 (16.01%) will be White; 120 (15.75%) will be Black; 229 (30.05%) will be Asian; 7 (0.92%) will be American Indian; 273 (35.83%) will be Hispanic; and 11 (1.44%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.
- j. At The Classical Center at Vial Elementary School, there are currently 420 magnet students enrolled for the fall. Included will be 55 Kindergarteners, 69 first graders; 81 second graders, 85 third graders, 65 fourth graders, and 65 fifth graders. Of this number, 127 (30.24%) will be White; 1 (0.24%) will be Pacific Islander; 74 (17.62%) will be Black; 31 (7.38%) will be Asian; 2 (0.48%) will be American Indian; 178 (42.38%) will be Hispanic; and 7 (1.67%) will be two or more races or ethnicities. (The Dual Language Bilingual program was added to this campus in 2010-11 for kindergarten students, first grade was added in 2011-12, and second grade was added in 2012-2013. Next year, the program will be grown to third grade and continue each year until it reaches grade 5 in the fall of 2015.)
- k. At The Classical Center at Brandenburg Middle School, there are currently 740 magnet students enrolled for the fall. Included will be 260 sixth graders, 241 seventh graders, and 239 eighth graders. Of the total number, 310 (41.89%) will be White; 108 (14.59%) will be Black; 54 (7.30%) will be Asian; 1 (0.14%) will be American Indian; 247 (33.38%) will be Hispanic; and 20 (2.70%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.

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- I. Lakeview Centennial High School's College-Career-Connect component has 1,185 students enrolled in the fall. Included are 289 ninth graders, 288 tenth graders, 281 eleventh graders, and 327 twelfth graders. Of this total number, 335 (28.27%) will be White; 298 (25.15%) will be Black; 63 (5.32%) will be Asian; 8 (0.68%) will be American Indian; 460 (38.82%) will be Hispanic; and 21 (1.77%) will be two or more races or ethnicities.

See Exhibit 2.

3. After the thirty-day Freedom of Choice ended, it became necessary to mail letters to parents of 1,419, students asking them to make a second choice of school. (This figure compares with 1,771 a year ago.) These letters went to parents at 44 elementary schools (577 students), 12 middle schools (512 students), and 7 high schools (330 students).

See Exhibit 3.

4. At the present time, enrollment restrictions have been put in place at all elementary schools, 9 middle schools, and 4 high schools. After the 2013-14 choice of school results, the district has no schools below the Anglo standard of the ethnic band. Two schools are above the Anglo standard of the ethnic band after our 2013-14 choice process. These schools are Armstrong Elementary School (45.9%) and Keeley Elementary School (58.9%). Students seeking enrollment at a closed school are placed on a waiting list if the parents so request. Many of them will ultimately be accepted when other students fail to show up when school starts.

See Exhibits 4 and 5.

5. Current pre-enrollment figures at each school indicate an Anglo range of 2.5% (Bullock) at the low end to 58.9% (Keeley).

See Exhibit 5.

6. Transportation costs associated with the Court Order are estimated at \$5,723,279.00 for 2012-13 and \$5,960,194.00 in 2013-14.

See Exhibit 6.

7. The Personnel Department recruited at six predominantly Black colleges in Texas, three predominantly Black out-of-state universities, and five predominantly Hispanic institutions during the 2012-2013 school year.

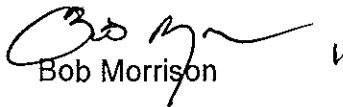
See Exhibit 7.

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8. The District is in compliance with the Court directive to solicit scholarships for minority students. In May 2013, 964 scholarships were awarded to minority students at a total value of \$14,215,541.

See Exhibit 8.

Respectfully submitted,


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