

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

**LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT,
*et al.***

PLAINTIFFS

v.

No. 4:82-cv-866-DPM

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL
DISTRICT, *et al.***

DEFENDANTS

LORENE JOSHUA, *et al.*

INTERVENORS

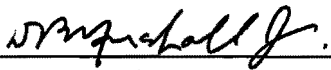
ORDER

Pursuant to the mandate (as amended) of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, this Court declares that the North Little Rock School District is unitary. *Freeman v. Pitts*, 503 U.S. 467, 485–92 (1992). The Court congratulates the District on its achievement. This is an important step in the ultimate resolution of this long-running case.

The Court discharges the District from further supervision by this Court and from further monitoring by the Office of Desegregation Monitor. The Court echoes what it said, speaking through my Brother Wilson, at a similar

signal moment earlier in the case. The North Little Rock school board can now operate the District as it sees fit—answerable to no one except the District's students, parents, and voters. *Little Rock School District v. Pulaski County Special School District No. 1*, 2007 WL 624054, at *25 (E.D. Ark., 23 Feb. 2007).

So Ordered.



D.P. Marshall Jr.
United States District Judge

29 May 2012