

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO
Senior District Judge Richard P. Matsch

Civil Action No. 95-cv-02313-RPM

CONGRESS OF HISPANIC EDUCATORS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DENVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1,

Defendant.

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Intervenors.

ORDER FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE AND FOR
NOTICE OF FAIRNESS HEARING

Upon review of the Joint Motion of All Parties to Approve and Enter the Proposed Consent Decree (2012) in Place of the 1999 Court Order Regarding Denver Public Schools' ELA Plan (Doc. 56) and the Memorandum in Support of the Joint Motion to Approve Consent Decree 2012 (Doc. 57) (hereafter collectively referred to as "the Joint Motion to Approve Consent Decree"), and after the hearing held on November 16, 2012, and the submission of a certification that the Board of Education of Denver Public Schools approved the proposed consent decree at a Special Meeting on July 16, 2012, following proper public notice, public hearing and opportunity for public comment, thereby assuring the court that the proposed consent decree has been adopted as public policy by the governing board of Denver School District No. 1, it is

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Approve Consent Decree is preliminarily approved, subject to final approval following a Fairness Hearing to be held before this Court on January 25, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom A, Second Floor, the Byron White United States

Courthouse, 1823 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Denver School District No. 1 (Denver Public Schools) shall provide written notice of the purpose and location of the Fairness Hearing, as described in the Notices attached hereto, by November 29, 2012, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that all written objections specify the part(s) of the proposed Consent Decree to which the person objects, the basis for each objection, and whether the person intends to make objections in person at the Fairness Hearing on January 25, 2013, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that all timely written objections received by counsel for the Parties shall be filed with the Court by the Parties on or before January 18, 2013.

DATED: November 20th, 2012

BY THE COURT:



Richard P. Matsch, Senior Judge

To be translated into Spanish,
Vietnamese, Arabic and Somali, Amharic, Nepali,
Russian, French, Karen and Burmese

Print and Email Notice to Parents

The Congress of Hispanic Educators ("CHE"), the United States, and the Denver Public Schools ("DPS") recently negotiated a revised plan for addressing the educational needs of students whose language is other than English ("English Language Learners" or "ELLs"), and have submitted it to the U.S. District Court for approval. Our records indicate that you have a child who is an English Language Learner and is eligible for English Language Acquisition ("ELA") services.

This revised plan, if approved by the Court, would replace the English Language Acquisition Program currently in place and which was approved in 1999 by the U.S. District Court in the case of *Congress of Hispanic Educators v. Denver School District No. 1*. The revised plan: (a) clarifies how parents may choose program services for their ELL students, (b) provides a new approach to training teachers of ELL students, (c) ensures that parents from different language groups will receive translations of important school communications, (d) sets out processes governing placement of ELL students with disabilities, and (e) improves DPS's self-evaluation of its ELA Program to help ensure that ELL students are succeeding in school.

Before this revised plan is approved by the Court, parents of English Language Learners in the Denver Public Schools have a right to review it.

The proposed revised Consent Decree is available at the DPS homepage www.dpsk12.org and can be reviewed at the office of any school, and in DPS's administrative offices, at 900 Grant Street, 1st Floor, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree will be available in English and Spanish. Speakers of other languages may bring a translator, or may obtain a list of translators proficient in other languages. You may also obtain a copy of the document for \$3.00.

Parents of ELL students wishing to file an objection must do so in writing. Any such objections should state that you are a parent of an ELL student in Denver Public Schools, and indicate at the top of the page that the objection relates to the case *CHE v. School District #1, CA #95-M-2313*. All written objections must specify the part(s) of the proposed Consent Decree to which the person objects, the basis for each objection, and whether the person intends to make objections in person at the Fairness Hearing on January 25, 2013. All written objections should be mailed to each of the following individuals so that it is received by close of business on January 4, 2013:

1. Walter J. Kramarz, Esq.
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2. Laurel Pyke Malson, Esq.
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Print and Email Notice to Community Organizations

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LIST OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **BUENO Center**
UCB 247 - School of Education
University of CO, Boulder
Boulder, CO 80309-0247
Attn: Leonard Baca

- **Catholic Charities Immigration Services**
4045 Pecos Street, Denver, CO 80211
Tel: 303-742-0828
Email: info@ccdenvr.org

- **CIRC-CO Immigrant Rights Coalition**
2525 W. Alameda Ave., Suite 300
Denver, CO 80219
Email: (Julien Ross) julien@coimmigrant.org
Website: <http://www.coimmigrant.org/>

- **CLLARO, CO Latino Leadership, Advocacy and Research Organization**
309 West 1st. Avenue
Denver, CO 80223
Tel: 303-722-5150 ext. 108 (Kathy Maestas)
Website: www.cllaro.org

- **Colorado Association of Bilingual Educators (CABE)**
P.O. Box 33120
Northglenn, CO 80233
Email: hriley@cocabe.org

- **Colorado Association of Latino/a Administrators & Superintendents**
15701 E. 1st Ave., Suite 217
Aurora, CO 80011
Tel: 303 340-0864
Email: (Jesus Escarcega) jdescarcega@aps.k12.co.us

- **Coloradans for Immigrant Rights**
901 W. 14th Avenue, Ste. 7
Denver, CO 80204
Tel: 303-623-3464
Email: (Jordan Garcia) jgarcia@afsc.org

- **CO Statewide Parent Coalition**
7150 Hooker Street, Ste B
Westminster, CO 80030
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Email: (Richard Garcia) richard@coparentcoalition.org

- **Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corp**
2926 Zuni Street #202
Denver, CO 80211
Tel: 303-321-1384
Email: (Alice Dent) adent@delnortends.org

- **Escuela Tlatelolco**
2949 North Federal Boulevard
Denver, CO 80211
Tel: 303-964-8993
Email: (Nita Gonzales) nita@escuelatlatelolco.org

- **Focus Points Family Resource Center**
2501 East 48th Avenue
Denver, CO 80216
Tel: 303-292-0770
Email: (Cynthia Gallegos) cynrgal@yahoo.com

- **Intercambio De Comunidades**
2525 W. Alameda Ave., Room 130
Denver, CO 80219
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- **Latin American Educational Foundation**
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Denver, CO 80204
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Website: info@laef.org

- **Lulac League-United Latin**
3034 W. Denver Place
Denver, CO 80211
Tel: 303-892-8455

- **Mi Casa Resource Center**
360 Acoma Street
Denver, CO 80223
Tel: 303-573-1302
Email: (Christine Marquez-Hudson) cmarquez@micasaresourcecenter.org

- **Mile High United Way**
2505 18th Street
Denver, CO 80211
Tel: 303-433-8383
Website: www.unitedwaydenver.org

- **Padres and Jovenes Unidos**
3025 West 37th Ave. # 206
Denver, CO 80211
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Email: (Ricardo and Pam Martinez) info@padresunidos.org

- **Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network**
3489 West 72nd Ave Ste 211
Westminster, CO 80030
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Email: (Mekela Goehring) mgoehring@rmian.org

- **Servicios De La Raza**
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- **YESS Institute**
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- **NEWSED Community Development Corp.**
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Denver, CO 80204
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Fax: 303-534-7418

- **Asian Educational Advisory Council**
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Attn: Ms. Priscilla Shaw
Email: Tennisgalp@gmail.com
- **Asian Roundtable of Colorado**
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Denver, Colorado 80201
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- **Asian Pacific Development Center**
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- **Organization of Chinese Americans-Colorado**
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Email: Oacolorado@gmail.com
- **Vietnamese Senior Center**
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Denver, CO 80232
Tel: 720-378 8818
- **Vietnamese-American Cultural Alliance**
986 S. Ventura Way
Aurora, CO 80017
- **Vietnamese Elderly Association of Colorado**
615 S. Federal Blvd., #103-105
Denver, CO 80219
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- **Vietnamese Veterans- USVAVA-CO**
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- **African Community Center**
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Denver, CO 80246
- **Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning**
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Denver, CO 80218
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- **Colorado Providers for Integration Network**
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- **Lao-Hmong American Coalition**
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Westminster, CO 80030
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- **MileHi Japanese American Citizens League**
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Denver, CO 80203
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- **Filipino American Community of Colorado**
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Edgewater, CO 80214
Email: Facc@filam-colo.org
- **Cambodian Buddhist and Christian Society of Colorado**
2950 S. Willow Street
Denver, CO 80204

- **Colorado Cambodian Community**
1555 Grove Street, Suite 101
Denver, CO 80204

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KMXA-AM 1090

Class Notice – Radio Announcement

This is a notice for Spanish-speaking parents and the parents of Spanish-speaking students in the Denver Public Schools. Recently the Congress of Hispanic Educators, the United States Department of Justice, and Denver Public Schools, reached an agreement to improve the educational program for Spanish-speaking students. The agreement has been presented to a Federal judge for his approval. Parents of Spanish-speaking students have a right to review the new agreement and may have an opportunity to tell the judge about any objections they may have. A hearing has been scheduled for January 25, 2013 at 10 a.m. You can read the proposed new agreement in Spanish and English and get more information at the Denver Public Schools office on 900 Grant Street or at your neighborhood school. This information will also be available on the website of the Denver Public School, www.dpsk12.org.