

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
MONROE DIVISION

U. S. DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION NO. 14429
)
v.)
) CONSENT DECREE
MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL)
BOARD, et al.,)
)
Defendants.)

The parties, through counsel, having met and agreed to a modification of the school desegregation plan previously ordered on August 17, 1970, and the court being of the opinion that the agreed to modifications satisfy the ends of justice in this case, it is therefore ordered that the desegregation plan of August 17, 1970, shall be modified in the following respects:

1. In the Bonita attendance area, Bonita Elementary building will house students in the first and second grades, and the old Bonita Rosenwald campus will house students in the third through the eighth grades. All children in grades one through eight in the Bonita attendance area will be assigned to these two schools.

2. In the Mer Rouge attendance area the former Mer Rouge Elementary will house students in the first and second grades. The old St. Matthew campus will house all

students in the third through the sixth grades, and the present North Campus of Delta High School will house students in the seventh and eighth grades. All students in the Mer Rouge attendance area will be assigned to these three schools.

3. In the Collinston attendance area, the Collinston Elementary and the Collinston Central campuses will be consolidated, and all students in the Collinston attendance area in grades 1-8 will attend Collinston Elementary School.

4. In the Oak Ridge attendance area, the Oak Ridge Elementary School will house all students who are in the first and second and the seventh and eighth grades. Grades three through six will be housed in the Ridgeway campus building. All students in the Oak Ridge attendance area in grades one through eight will attend these two schools.

5. The Morehouse Elementary School will be closed, and its remaining 230 black students will be reassigned by means of residential zoning to East Side, H. V. Adams, and South Side Elementary Schools. The resulting racial breakdown of the four remaining

Bastrop elementary schools is projected to be as follows:

(Space Estates Sub division is assigned to Cherry Ridge elementary school after 4 pm on 2/20/71) BCB

<u>School</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cherry Ridge	49	135	184
East Side	197	259	456
South Side	295	206	501
H. V. Adams	121	115	236

All other provisions of the plan ordered on August 17, 1971, shall remain in full force and effect unless specifically modified herein.

This done and signed the 6th day of August, 1971.

Ben C. Dawkins
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Approved as to form:

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