

**U.S. District Court  
Western District of Louisiana (Monroe)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:65-cv-11329-RGJ**

Williams v. Madison Parish et al  
Assigned to: Judge Robert G James  
Cause: 28:1343 Violation of Civil Rights

Date Filed: 08/20/1965  
Date Terminated: 01/28/1970  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/25/2006	<u>1</u>	PAPER DOCKET SHEET of filings through 9/20/06. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Additional Counsel Pages) (crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 09/25/2006)
08/14/2008	<u>2</u>	MEMORANDUM ORDER: Upon review of this matter, the Court finds that there has been some apparent confusion about the School Board's reporting requirements. Accordingly, the Court, upon its own motion, hereby AMENDS the standing Decree and amendments as stated in this Memorandum Order. Any party desiring a status conference to discuss the Court's amendment to the reporting requirements may file the appropriate motion. Signed by Judge Robert G James on 8/14/08. (crt,Dickerson, D) (Entered: 08/14/2008)
08/18/2008		MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Murphy W Bell, 840 E. Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, re: <u>2</u> Memorandum Order, returned marked: Attempted, not known, unable to forward. (crt,Thigpen, M) (Entered: 08/20/2008)
08/22/2008		MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Norman J Chacklin, 10 Columbus Cir, New York, NY 10019, re: <u>2</u> Memorandum Order, returned marked: Return to sender, attempted, not known, unable to forward. (crt,Thigpen, M) (Entered: 08/29/2008)
09/29/2008	<u>3</u>	MOTION to Substitute Attorney Kenneth F. Sills and Robert L. Hammonds in place of James David Caldwell by George Kimbrough, M A Phillips, School Board of Madison Parish. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of proposed order)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 09/29/2008)
09/30/2008	<u>4</u>	ORDER granting <u>3</u> Motion to Substitute Attorney. Added attorney Kenneth F Sills and Robert L. Hammonds for School Board of Madison Parish. Attorney James David Caldwell terminated. Signed by Judge Robert G James on 9/30/08. (crt,Dickerson, D) (Entered: 09/30/2008)

10/06/2008	<u>6</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Murphy W Bell, 840 E. Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, re: <u>4</u> Order on Motion to Substitute Attorney returned marked: Attempted, not known unable to forward. (crt,Thigpen, M) (Entered: 10/08/2008)
10/07/2008	<u>5</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>October 15th Annual Report</i> by School Board of Madison Parish. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibits)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 10/07/2008)
10/09/2008	<u>7</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Norman J Chacklin, 10 Columbus Cir, New York, NY 10019, re: <u>4</u> Order on Motion to Substitute Attorney returned marked: Attempted, not known unable to forward. (crt,Thigpen, M) (Entered: 10/21/2008)
11/04/2008	<u>8</u>	MINUTE ENTRY: re <u>2</u> Memorandum Order. The Court has reviewed the annual report filed in compliance with the Court's August 14, 2008 Order. Any party desiring a conference to discuss the status of the case or the steps for achieving unitary status may file the appropriate motion. Signed by Judge Robert G James on 11/3/08. (crt,DickersonSld, D) (Entered: 11/04/2008)
11/10/2008	<u>9</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Harry Kron on behalf of School Board of Madison Parish, 202 Audubon St, Thibodeaux, LA 70301, re: <u>8</u> Minute Entry, Returned marked: Temporarily away; unable to forward. (crt,Keifer, K) (Entered: 11/13/2008)
11/10/2008	<u>10</u>	MAIL RETURNED as Undeliverable: Mail sent to Murphy W Bell on behalf of Martin Williams, 840 E Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, re: <u>8</u> Minute Entry, Returned marked: Attempted not known unable to forward. (crt,Keifer, K) (Entered: 11/13/2008)
11/05/2009	<u>11</u>	MEMORANDUM ORDER: The Madison Parish School Board has failed to file an annual report, as required by the Court's August 14, 2008 Order <u>2</u> . Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the School Board file the report no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of this order or file a written response to show cause why it should not be sanctioned for failing to comply with the Court's August 14, 2008 Order. Signed by Chief Judge Robert G James on 11/4/09. (crt,DickersonSld, D) (Entered: 11/05/2009)
11/13/2009	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Annual Report</i> by School Board of Madison Parish. (aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 11/13/2009)
11/19/2009	<u>13</u>	MINUTE ENTRY: re <u>12</u> Status Report filed by School Board of Madison Parish District Judge Status Conference set for 12/14/2009 at 3:00 PM in Monroe, 2nd floor before Chief Judge Robert G James. In addition to counsel, the Court requests the attendance of the Superintendent and the President of the School Board or his or her designee. Signed by Chief Judge Robert G James on 11/13/09. (crt,DickersonSld, D) (Entered: 11/19/2009)
12/14/2009	<u>14</u>	MINUTES for proceedings held before Chief Judge Robert G James: STATUS CONFERENCE held on 12/14/2009. Madison Parish currently has 6% white population, and the student assignments appear to reflect the population of the parish. Although the School Board provided some information on Christian Acres Alternative School, it is the Court's understanding that the facility is state-run or-sponsored and is not under jurisdiction of the School Board. There is a private school, Tallulah Academy, and a state charter school, Delhi Charter School, that draws some of the white students from Madison Parish, but the School Board does not provide transportation for the students. Following discussion, the Court asked the School Board to review this matter and determine whether it wishes to file a motion for unitary status. Any motion should be filed by February 26, 2010 ( Compliance Deadline set for 2/26/2010). (crt,DickersonSld, D) (Entered: 12/15/2009)
02/23/2010	<u>15</u>	MOTION FOR EXTENSION of Deadline to File Motion for Unitary Status with consent sought but not obtained due to inability to locate counsel by School Board of Madison Parish. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of proposed order)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) Modified on 2/24/2010 to edit text (Keifer, K). (Entered: 02/23/2010)
02/24/2010	<u>16</u>	ORDER granting <u>15</u> Motion to Extend Time. The deadline by which Madison Parish School Board must file a motion for unitary status is extended to March 26, 2010. Compliance Deadline set for 3/26/2010. Signed by Chief Judge Robert G James on 2/24/10. (crt,DickersonSld, D) (Entered: 02/24/2010)

03/25/2010	<u>17</u>	MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status by George Kimbrough, School Board of Madison Parish, M A Phillips. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibits A–D, # <u>2</u> Exhibits E–I)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) Modified on 3/25/2010 to more accurately identify pleading (Keifer, K). (Entered: 03/25/2010)
03/25/2010	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Motion Setting regarding <u>17</u> MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status. Motions referred to Robert G James. (crt,Keifer, K) (Entered: 03/25/2010)
03/30/2010	<u>19</u>	FILED IN ERROR Amended MOTION to Dismiss by George Kimbrough, School Board of Madison Parish, M A Phillips. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Table of Contents, # <u>2</u> Table of Authorities, # <u>3</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>4</u> Exhibits A–D, # <u>5</u> Exhibits E–I, # <u>6</u> Exhibit J)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) Modified on 3/30/2010 to indicate motion refiled in its entirety as <u>20</u> (Keifer, K). (Entered: 03/30/2010)
03/30/2010	<u>20</u>	MOTION for Leave to File Supplementary Documents in Support of Motion for Declaration of Unitary Status unable to seek consent due to inability to locate other parties or counsel by George Kimbrough, School Board of Madison Parish, M A Phillips. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Proposed Table of Contents, # <u>3</u> Proposed Table of Authorities, # <u>4</u> Proposed Exhibit J)(aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 03/30/2010)
03/30/2010		NOTICE of Corrective Action to Robert L Hammonds on behalf of George Kimbrough, School Board of Madison Parish, M A Phillips regarding <u>19</u> Amended MOTION to Dismiss. Action taken: Motion refiled in its entirety as <u>20</u> Motion for Leave to File. (crt,Keifer, K) (Entered: 03/30/2010)
03/30/2010	<u>21</u>	PROPOSED ORDER/JUDGMENT by George Kimbrough, School Board of Madison Parish, M A Phillips re <u>20</u> Motion for Leave to File,. (aty,Hammonds, Robert) (Entered: 03/30/2010)
03/31/2010	<u>22</u>	ORDER granting <u>20</u> Motion for Leave to File Supplementary Documents. Signed by Chief Judge Robert G James on 03/31/10. (crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 03/31/2010)
03/31/2010	<u>23</u>	MEMORANDUM in Support of <u>17</u> MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status filed by George Kimbrough, School Board of Madison Parish, M A Phillips. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Table of Contents, # <u>2</u> Table of Authorities, # <u>3</u> Exhibit J)(crt,Yocum, M) (Entered: 03/31/2010)
05/03/2010	<u>24</u>	RULING re <u>17</u> MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status filed by M A Phillips, George Kimbrough and School Board of Madison Parish. Signed by Chief Judge Robert G James on 5/3/10. (crt,DickersonSld, D) (Entered: 05/03/2010)
05/03/2010	<u>25</u>	JUDGMENT granting <u>17</u> Motion for Unitary Status. For the reasons set forth in the Court's Ruling <u>24</u> , IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the motion is GRANTED. The Court finds that the School board has achieved complete unitary status as to all areas of operation, and the permanent injunction previously entered is DISSOLVED. Signed by Chief Judge Robert G James on 5/3/10. (crt,DickersonSld, D) (Entered: 05/03/2010)