

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:66-CV-02148-KS**

**COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.**

**DEFENDANTS**

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**ORDER ON MOTION FOR DECLARATION OF UNITARY STATUS**

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Before the Court is the Motion for Declaration of Unitary Status of the Covington County School District, [25]. The Court has reviewed the District’s Motion, Memorandum in Support [26], and supporting exhibits. The Court has also reviewed the Response to the Motion for Declaration of Unitary Status filed by the United States, wherein the United States advised that “[i]f . . . public comments do not raise concerns regarding the District’s good faith compliance, then based on the information available to the United States at this time, we have no objection to the Court granting the District’s motion . . . .” [29]. On February 24, 2021, the District filed a Notice of Ripeness for Decision in which it reported that no written comments or objections were received in response to its Motion. [32]. It is the opinion of the Court that the Covington County School District’s Motion for Declaration of Unitary Status should be granted.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** the Defendant Covington County School District be declared fully unitary, the injunction entered as to the Covington County School District is hereby dissolved, and this case is dismissed with prejudice.

**SO ORDERED**, this 3rd day of March, 2021.

s/Keith Starrett  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE