

**U.S. District Court**

**Southern District of Mississippi (Eastern (Hattiesburg))**

**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:66-cv-02148-KS**

USA v. Covington County School District et al

Assigned to: District Judge Keith Starrett

Related Case: [3:67-cv-04075-TSL](#)

Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act

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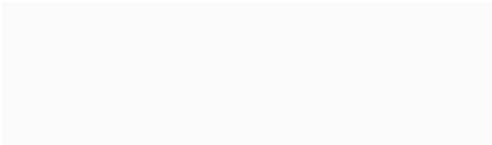
Date Terminated: 02/27/1976

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights:

Other

Jurisdiction: Federal Question



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**Walter Keys**

**Defendant**

**Jessie Tripp**

**Defendant**

**Laverne Roberts**

<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Docket Text</b>
07/29/2010	<u>1</u>	Attached please find scanned copy of original docket sheet. It will be necessary to review this docket sheet for complete information in this case from filing through 7/15/2010. Original docket sheet and case file have been shipped to Archives. (sam) (Entered: 07/29/2010)
07/29/2010		District Judge Keith Starrett added. (sam) (Entered: 07/29/2010)

10/15/2010	<u>2</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>of October 2010 to Court</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Enrollment Report, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Race Enrollment, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Full-Time Teachers by Race, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Part-Time Teachers by Race, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Non-certified Staff by Race, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F - Race/Title of Administrators, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G - Facilities Report)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/15/2010)
07/20/2011	<u>3</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>to Court - July 2011</i> by Covington County School District (Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 07/20/2011)
07/20/2011		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to Document #3: Identification of filer is incomplete. L.U.Civ.R. Rule 11.(a) states that all filed, signed documents must contain counsel's name, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address and counsel's bar membership identification number. Attorney is advised to comply with this requirement in future filings. (DM) (Entered: 07/20/2011)
10/07/2011	<u>4</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>of October 2011</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - School Enrollment Data, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Classroom Enrollment Data, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Chart of Teachers, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Chart of Part-Time Teachers, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Non-Certified Staff, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F - Administrators, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G - Renovations/Repairs)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/07/2011)
07/16/2012	<u>5</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>of July 2012</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - M-to-M Memo, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Letter re M-to-M, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Statements, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Proof of Publication, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Pages from Handbook)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 07/16/2012)
10/15/2012	<u>6</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>for October 2012</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Enrollment by Grade/Race, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Enrollment by Race, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Full Time Teachers by Race, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Part-Time Teachers by Race, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Non-Cert Staff by Race, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F - Administrators by Race/Title, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G - Renovations/Repairs)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/15/2012)

10/16/2012		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to <u>6</u> : Identification of filer is incomplete; email address is missing. L.U.Civ.R. Rule 11.(a) states that all filed, signed documents must contain counsel's name, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address and counsel's bar membership identification number. Attorney is advised to comply with this requirement in future filings. (LDR) (Entered: 10/16/2012)
07/22/2013	<u>7</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>for July 2013</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Memo, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - M to M statements, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Proof of Publication)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 07/22/2013)
10/10/2013	<u>8</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>of October 2013</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Enrollment, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Classroom Enrollment, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Teachers, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Non-Certified Staff, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Administrators, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F - Renovations)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/10/2013)
07/22/2014	<u>9</u>	NOTICE <i>July 2014 Report to Court</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Memo from Supt to principals re M-to-M policy, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Statements from principals, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Proof of publication, # <u>4</u> Exhibit M-to-M policy in handbook)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 07/22/2014)
10/10/2014	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>of October 2014</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit School Enrollment Report, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Classroom Enrollment, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Classroo Enrollment by Race, # <u>4</u> Exhibit List of Present Construction Projects)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/10/2014)
07/20/2015	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>July 2015</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Memo from Supt. to Principals, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Principal Statements, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Copy of Proof of Publication, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Copy of Policy in Handbook)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 07/20/2015)

10/08/2015	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>October 2015</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Student Enrollment Breakdown, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Classroom Enrollment by Race, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Breakdown of Teachers and Staff, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Breakdown of Administrators)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/08/2015)
10/09/2015		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to <u>12</u> : Exhibit Numbers/Letters Missing from the description listing. L.U.Civ.R. 7(b)(2) requires that all supporting exhibits to a document be denominated by an exhibit letter or number and a meaningful description. Attorney is advised to follow this rule in future filings. (LDR) (Entered: 10/09/2015)
07/25/2016	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>July 2016</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Memo from Supt. Crosby, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Statemes from Principals, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Copy of Proof of Publication, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - MtoM Policy in Handbook)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 07/25/2016)
07/25/2016		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to <u>13</u> : Attorney is advised to include the judge's initials of "KS" on future filed pleadings. (CS) (Entered: 07/25/2016)
10/06/2016	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Filing of <i>October 2016 Report to Court</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Enrollment for Each School in District, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Classroom Enrollment by Race, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Teachers & Staff by Race, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Administrators, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Construction Projects)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/06/2016)
01/26/2017	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John Simeon Hooks on behalf of Covington County School District (Hooks, John) (Entered: 01/26/2017)
07/12/2017	<u>16</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>July 2017</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Memo from Supt., # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Principal Statements, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Proof of Publication, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - M-to-M Policy in Handbook)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 07/12/2017)

10/17/2017	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>October 2017</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Enrollment by race and gender, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Classroom enrollment by race and gender, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Faculty and staff by race, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Administrator by race)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/17/2017)
07/20/2018	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of <i>July, 2018 Report to the Court</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Memo and parent letter Re: Majority to Minority Transfers, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Principals' statements certifying M-to-M memo sent to parents, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Proof of Publication of M-to-M policy, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Copy of M-to-M policy)(Hooks, John) (Entered: 07/20/2018)
10/15/2018	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of <i>October, 2018 Report to the Court</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Student Enrollment by Race, Grade, School, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Student Enrollment by Classroom, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Full-time Teachers, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Part-time Teachers, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Non-certified Staff, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F - Administrators, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G - Description of Present or Proposed Construction)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
07/15/2019	<u>20</u>	NOTICE of <i>July 2019 Report to the Court</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A- M-to-M Memo from Superintendent, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Principals' Certifications, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Proof of Publication, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - M-to-M Policy)(Hooks, John) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
10/17/2019	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of <i>October, 2019 Report to the Court</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Student Enrollment by Race, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Classroom Enrollment, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Full-time Teachers by Race, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Part-time Teachers by Race, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Non-certified Staff by Race and Position, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F - Administrators by Race and Title)(Adams, Holmes) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
07/20/2020	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of <i>July 2020 Report to the Court</i> by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Parent Letter re: M-to-M, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Principals' Certifications, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Proof of Publication, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - M-to-M Policy)(Hooks, John) (Entered: 07/20/2020)



10/08/2020	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of October, 2020 Report to the Court by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Enrollment by School, Grade and Race, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B - Classroom Enrollment, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C - Full-time Teachers by Race, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D - Part-time Teachers by Race, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E - Non-certified Staff by Race and Position, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F - Administrators by Race and Title)(Hooks, John) (Entered: 10/08/2020)
10/13/2020	<u>24</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James A. Eichner-Federal Gov on behalf of USA (Eichner-Federal Gov, James) (Entered: 10/13/2020)
10/27/2020	<u>25</u>	MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 - 11.7.69 Order and Plan, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 - 7.21.75 Order, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3 - 2005 Consent Decree, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4 - 2006 Consent Decree, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5 - 2009 Supplemental Consent Order, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6 - 2006 Transportation Revisions, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7 - Facilities Corrective Action Plan, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8 - 2005 Extracurricular Policy Revisions, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 9 - Extracurricular Rosters by School, # <u>10</u> Exhibit 10 - Court Reports 2018-19 through 2020-21)(Hooks, John) (Entered: 10/27/2020)
10/27/2020	<u>26</u>	MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT re <u>25</u> MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status filed by Covington County School District (Hooks, John) (Entered: 10/27/2020)
10/27/2020	<u>27</u>	ATTACHMENT of Exhibit 10 - October 2020 Report re <u>25</u> MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status <i>Corrected Exhibit 10</i> by Covington County School District (Hooks, John) (Entered: 10/27/2020)
10/28/2020		Set Hearings: Telephone Conference set for 10/28/2020, 11:30 AM before District Judge Keith Starrett. Parties are instructed to dial 877-336-1828 and enter passcode 940-8529 to join the call. (dtj) (Entered: 10/28/2020)

10/28/2020		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to <u>25</u> , <u>27</u> : Division name incorrect. Attorney is directed to use "Eastern Division" and to include the judge assignment of "KS" on future filed pleadings. In the future when using previously filed documents, delete the header which shows the case number, document number and filing date before refiling. This will enable the new heading to be clearly visible. Please check the pdf document for errors before filing. It is not necessary to refile. (CS) (Entered: 10/28/2020)
10/28/2020		Minute Entry for proceedings held before District Judge Keith Starrett: Telephone Conference held on 10/28/2020. Participating for the Government, Mitzi D. Paige and Jim Eichner, and on behalf of the Defense, John Hooks and Jamie Dole (Paralegal). (dtj) (Entered: 10/28/2020)
10/28/2020	<u>28</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Mitzi Dease Paige-Federal Gov on behalf of USA (Paige-Federal Gov, Mitzi) (Entered: 10/28/2020)
11/02/2020	<u>29</u>	RESPONSE to Motion re <u>25</u> MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status filed by USA (Eichner-Federal Gov, James) (Entered: 11/02/2020)
12/14/2020	<u>30</u>	AGREED ORDER, the Court authorizes publication of the Notice of Motion for Declaration of Unitary Status. The Covington County School District is directed to publish the Notice of Motion for Declaration of Unitary Status and the accompanying written comment/objection form. Counsel for the parties will file any written comment / objections forms received by mail or email with the Clerk of Court via the ECF System. Signed by District Judge Keith Starrett on 12/14/20. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A-Notice of Motion for Declaration of Unitary Status, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B-Objection or Comment Form) (CS) (Entered: 12/14/2020)
01/26/2021	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Proof of Publication by Covington County School District (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 - Proofs of Publication)(Hooks, John) (Entered: 01/26/2021)

02/24/2021	<u>32</u>	NOTICE of Ripeness for Decision by Covington County School District re <u>25</u> MOTION for Declaration of Unitary Status (Hooks, John) (Entered: 02/24/2021)
03/03/2021	<u>33</u>	ORDER, Defendant Covington County School District is declared fully unitary, the injunction entered as to the Covington County School District is hereby dissolved, and this case is dismissed with prejudice. Signed by District Judge Keith Starrett on 3/3/2021. (LDR) (Entered: 03/03/2021)

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