# The Cost of Desegregation – Monitoring and Legal Compliance

Julie C. Tolleson, General Counsel TUSD

#### VI. Compensation

The Special Master shall be compensated by the District, pursuant to this Court's Order dated September 14, 2011.

 The Special Master shall be compensated at the rate of \$ 250.00 per hour, not to exceed \$ 2000.00 for any day. It is anticipated that days spent traveling or working "on-site" (in Tucson) will be compensated at the daily rate.

2. The Special Master shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with his duties, including but not limited to reasonable travel expenses, copying expenses, long distance telephone and facsimile charges and other such ordinary expenses as may be incurred in connection with his duties.

### VII. Additional Staff and Clerical Support; Retention of Experts

The Special Master's hourly and daily rate, as set forth above, shall include any ordinary staff and clerical support. If there is a need for extraordinary staff support or expert assistance, the Special Master shall advise the parties.

1. If the Special Master identifies the need for extraordinary staff support or expert assistance, the Special Master shall notify the Parties in writing of the names of the individuals to be retained and appointed, the purpose for their retention and appointment, the scope of services for which they are to be retained and appointed and the cost of retaining each one.

- January 2012 Court Appoints Willis Hawley as Special Master
- February 2012 Court Authorizes Prof. Hawley to employ experts
   Orfield/Stevens at District Expense
- October 2012 Hawley seeks appointment of Budget Specialist
- February 2013 Unitary Status Plan
- April 2013 Prof. Hawley seeks appointment of Implementation Committee
- Spring 2014 Prof. Hawley seeks appointment of counsel (attorney) to the Special Master (temporarily withdrawn)

### **RATES**

Willis Hawley	\$ 250/hr
Implementation Committee	\$ 75/hr
Budget Expert	\$ 125/hr
Orfield	\$ 240/hr
Stevens	\$ 250/hr
Counsel to SM (requested)	\$ 325/hr

Willis Hawley (27 mos -- Jan. 2012 - April 2014)

\$ 513,129.65

**Special Master's Consulting Experts** 

Leonard Stevens (March – Dec 2012)
Gary Orfield (Jan 2012 – June 2013)
Budget Experts (Jan 2013 – April 2014)

\$ 38,687.60 \$ 41,068.30

\$ 32,485.87

Implementation Committee

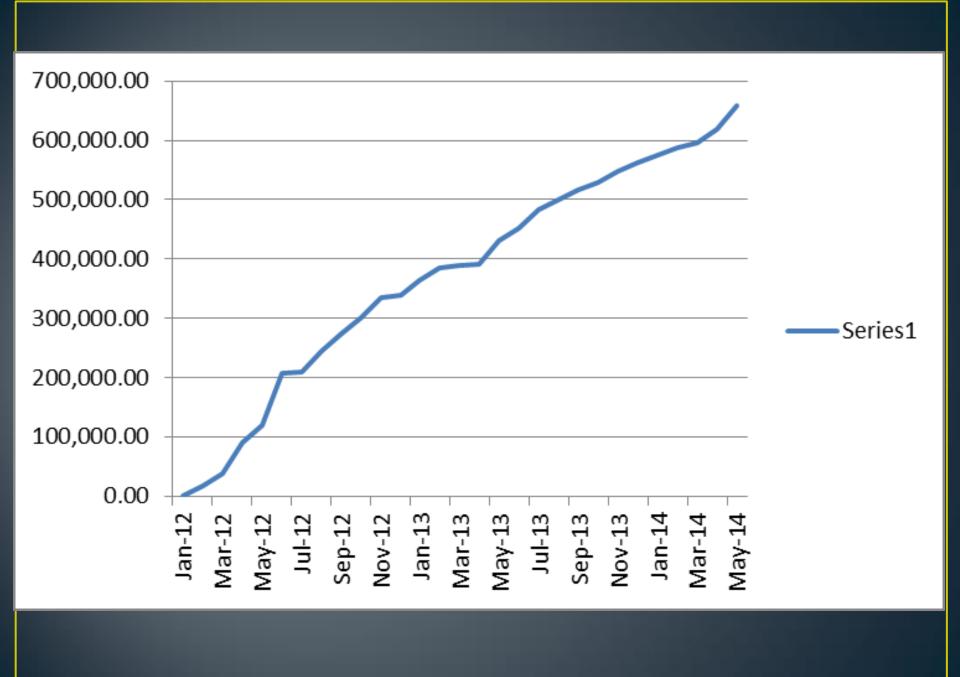
Vicki E. Balentine (through April 2014) Edward Thompson (Oct 2013 – Apr 2014) Rebecca Montano (Aug 2013 – Apr 2014)

\$ 8,206.25 \$ 18,562.50

\$ 6,446.25

**TOTAL:** 

\$ 658,586.42



### Plaintiff's Attorneys Fees and Costs

Hourly Rates (sought from court)

Rubin Salter	\$ 550/hr
Nancy Ramirez (MALDEF)	\$ 425/hr
Lois Thompson (Los Angeles)	\$ 550/hr

[Pending fee applications \$ 2.2 million through Feb. 2013]

## TUSD Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Rates

DeConcini (Heather Gaines)

Rusing Lopez (Bill Brammer)

\$ 240/hr.

\$ 265/hr.

# Mendoza Plaintiff Application – Fees and Costs from July 2011 – February 2013

\$ 718,963

TUSD Fees and Costs July 2011 – February 2013

**DeConcini** 

\$ 190,157.31

\$

Maree Sneed (consulting)

151,249.03

**TOTAL** 

\$341,406.34

# TOTAL ATTORNEY FEES/Costs from 2011 (9th Cir Remand) to April 2014

\$ 608,742.58

Educ. Consultant/Desegregation Specialist

\$ 303,407.47

**TOTAL:** 

\$ 912,150.05

# What Is Driving the

Costs/Fees Associated

with USP Compliance

and Monitoring?

#### **MARCH 2014**

### Plan Development

Extracurricular Equitable Access Plan
Dropout Prevention Plan
Advanced Learning Experiences Plan
Family & Community Engagement Plan

RFIs, Objections, and R&Rs (Party and Special Master)

Annual Report
RIF Plan
Boundary Review Process
Infant & Early Learning Centers
Dropout Prevention Plan
Outreach, Recruitment & Retention Plan
Extracurricular Plan
African American Achievement Task Force Recommend.
Special Master's "Implementation Addendum"

### Email Communications (2,321 Desegregation Emails)

60 between Deseg Director and the Parties

86 between Deseg Director & Special Master

14 between Deseg Director & Imp. Committee

TOTAL: 162 (396 pages, plus attachments)

### **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES** (March 2014)

March 25, 2014

3 hr. conference call with SM and Parties

March 28, 2014

3 hr. boundary review conference call with Special Master and parties

7 meetings of either boundary committee or magnet committee

4:45 minutes of conferences between SM and IC

Invoiced costs ...

**Special Master** 

\$ 17,000

Imp Committee

\$ 6,356

**District Counsel** 

\$ 63,000

And the hard to quantify ...

