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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

ROY and JOSIE FISHER, et al,

Plaintiffs,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

vs.

ANITA LOHR, et al,

Defendants.

and

SIDNEY L. SUTTON, et al,

NO. CIV-74-90-TUC-WCF

Intervenors-Defendants.

MARIA MENDOZA, et al,

NO. CIV-74-204-TUC-WCF

Plaintiffs,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff-Intervenor,
vs.
TUCSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 1, et al,

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

Defendants.

On June 15, 1978, Plaintiffs Fisher, et al., and Plaintiffs Mendoza, et al., filed motions to Alter or Amend Findings of

Fact and Conclusions of Law entered by the Court on June 5, 1978, in these consolidated school desegregation cases.

Plaintiff-Intervenor United States supported the motions which were filed by Plaintiffs. Those motions were argued before the Court on June 28, 1978, and are presently pending.

Subsequent to the hearing on Plaintiffs' motions, counsel for all parties have conferred and agreed to the terms of a final settlement of this case, as contained in this stipulation, that will make it unnecessary for the Court to decide the pending motions and that will finally resolve this litigation. As evidenced by the signatures of their counsel below, the parties hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The parties file herewith a joint motion requesting the Court to enter the attached Settlement Order, which has been approved by all parties, and Stipulation of Dismissal with prejudice of Counts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Amended Complaint of the Plaintiffs Mendoza, et al., which has been signed by all parties who have appeared in this action.
- 2. Commencing with the 1978-79 school year and thereafter during the term of this agreement, the Defendants will operate Brichta, Tully, and Manzo elementary schools in accordance with Option II of the plans submitted to the Court on July 17, 1978, and will operate Roosevelt, University Heights, Cragin, and Jefferson Park elementary schools in accordance with Option III of the plans submitted to the Court on July 17, 1978, as originally recommended by the District staff, unless alterations are made or approved as provided herein in paragraphs 20, 21 or 23.
- 3. Commencing with the 1978-79 school year and thereafter during the term of this agreement, the Defendants will operate their junior high schools in accordance with Option V of the plans submitted to the Court on July 17, 1978, provided that

DICONCINI NICDONALD BRANIJER & YETVIN, P ATTORNES AT LAV the closure of Mansfeld and Safford Junior High Schools and the construction of a new school to replace them is undertaken as soon as practicable, unless alterations are made or approved as provided herein in paragraphs 20, 21 or 23. In the event construction of the new junior high school is not completed within a reasonable period of time, the Board will implement alternative measures to desegregate Safford Junior High School.

- 4. Commencing with the 1979-80 school year and thereafter during the term of this agreement, the Defendants shall alter the student assignment patterns for Borton and Holladay Elementary Schools under a plan of student assignment which will be developed in the manner described in paragraph 8 below, so as to reduce the minority enrollment of these schools below approximately 50 percent minority.
- 5. Commencing immediately, the Defendants shall implement a process for parent participation to examine the future student assignment patterns for Davis, Drachman, and Carrillo Elementary Schools. The public process shall consider whether these schools should be closed, consolidated, or continued and make recommendations to Defendants on the educational specifications for either the continuation of the schools or the construction of a new elementary school(s) in the inner city, if such is to be the case.
- 6. Commencing with the 1979-80 school year and thereafter during the term of this agreement, the Defendants shall alter the student assignment patterns for Utterback Junior High School under a plan of student assignment which will be developed in the manner described in paragraph 8 below, so as to reduce the minority enrollment at that school below approximately 50 percent.

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- 7. Commencing with the 1979-80 school year and thereafter during the term of this agreement, the Defendants will ensure that the junior high school into which the graduates of Pueblo Gardens and Cavett Elementary Schools matriculate shall not exceed approximately 50 percent minority student enrollment, under a plan to be developed in the manner described in paragraph 8 below.
- 8. The student assignment plans required by paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 above shall be developed under the following procedure and schedule:
- (a) The Defendants will immediately implement a process or processes for public participation, which will include representatives of those to be affected, in the development of alterations of student assignments for the schools indicated;
- (b) The plans for student assignment, if any, developed through the above public process or processes shall be reviewed by the Defendants and shall be provided to counsel for Plaintiffs and Plaintiff-Intervenor for a reasonable period of review of not less than ten (10) days and the parties to this stipulation shall determine by November 30, 1978, whether the plans so developed are acceptable to them;
- (c) If the Defendants, the Plaintiffs or the Plaintiff-Intervenor find the plans developed through the above public process unsatisfactory, the Defendants shall independently examine the issues and produce a plan for alteration of student assignments as provided in paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 above, for presentation to the Court and to Plaintiffs and Plaintiff-Intervenor on or before December 31, 1978;

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(d) The parties shall confer and on or about the 31st of January, 1979, shall inform the Court whether they have been able to agree on the plan, or a modification of the plan, presented pursuant to subparagraph 8(c) above;

- (e) If the parties have agreed, the student assignment adjustments shall be incorporated into a Stipulation of Settlement No. 2 which will be jointly submitted to the Court for its approval in the form of an order containing the same turms as paragraph 1 of the Settlement Order filed herewith;
- (f) If the parties cannot agree, the issues will be submitted to the Court for resolution consistent with the terms of this stipulation.
- 9. . The Defendants shall restructure the assignment of faculty at Pueblo Gardens and Cavett Elementary Schools so that a disproportionate number of Black teachers, taking the District as a whole, is not on the faculty of either school. Implementation of such reassignments shall be completed no later than the commencement of the fall semester of the 1979-80 school year.
- 10. In addition to the reassignment of Black teachers outlined in paragraph 9 above, the Defendants shall examine. the assignment of all Black teachers during the 1978-79 school year. Necessary reassignments shall be implemented so that a disproportionate number of Black teachers, taking the District as a whole, is not on the faculty of any given school commencing with the fall semester of the 1979-80 school year.
- 11. The Defendants shall adopt an additional statement of Non-Discrimination in Employment and establish uniform procedures with respect to the hiring, placement, and promotion of District employees, in the form of the statement which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

 12. The Defendants will develop and implement in-service training programs which will be required of all District employees involved in implementing this agreement and the student assignment plans adopted pursuant to paragraphs 2 through 7 above.

- 13. The Defendants shall implement good faith efforts, with specific input and recommendations from Black parents, to ensure that no student is discriminated against in the implementation of the District's uniform suspension and expulsion policy.
- examination of the testing instruments used by the Defendants to ensure that no student is discriminated against in this aspect of the District's educational program. The Defendants' efforts shall include the utilization of qualified personnel to assess tests and responses that are unique to Black students. In addition, qualified parents, or their qualified representatives, and Black educators shall assist the Defendants as they complete the design and implementation of the "Programmatic Recommendations to assist in the Quality Education of Black Students in Tucson," a document previously submitted by Plaintiffs Fisher.
- 15. The Defendants shall not admit a student to a bilingual instructional program without specific parental permission. No student shall be admitted to such a program without an explanation of the nature of the program and the available options, including programs of standard English as a second dialect (e.g., B.A.S.E.), to the student's parent(s). As a part of the Defendants' efforts to evaluate the bilingual instructional programs, there shall be included external evaluation of those programs to determine

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whether there have been adverse effects on non-program students, with the objective of correcting any such effects.

- 16. Commencing with the fall semester of the 1978-79 school year, the Defendants shall offer a one-year pilot instructional program utilizing the "Spalding Method," provided that at least 25 students shall signify interest in such a program in writing, by August 14, 1978, including an acknowledgment that they have been advised of the Defendants' view of the "Spalding Method." Enrollment in the pilot program shall be limited to 30 students.
- (a) The pilot program shall be at

 School. Children enrolled in that program who otherwise would qualify for transportation on a daily basis and who desire it shall be provided transportation by Defendants.
- (b) Commencing immediately, the Defendants will implement a process to select a teacher to instruct the pilot instructional program. At a very minimum, the person selected to instruct this program should have (1) experience in teaching the "Spalding Method;" (2) experience in having taught that method to Mexican-American children; and (3) demonstrated past success in teaching Mexican-American children through the "Spalding Method."
- 17. On April 15, 1979, October 15, 1979, April 15, 1980, and for each April 15 thereafter during the term of this stipulation, the Defendants shall file with the Court and serve on each party a report showing the racial and ethnic student enrollment of all schools involved in the above plans to that date; the faculty and staff of each school together with any reassignments of faculty and staff and any reasons therefor; and a report showing all programmatic changes pursuant to this stipulation and the effectiveness of such changes. In addition, during the term of this stipulation,

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counsel for Plaintiffs and Plaintiff-Intervenor shall have reasonable access to Defendants' records for these purposes.

- 18. An independent citizens' committee will-be established by the Defendants to review and report to the School Board the progress of the Defendants' compliance with the terms of this stipulation. This "citizens'" committee will include one member selected by the Plaintiffs Fisher, et al., and one member selected by the Plaintiffs Mendoza, et al. In addition, the Board shall select citizens of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds, including but not limited to Mexican-Americans, Blacks, Anglos, Orientals and Native Americans.
- 19. Defendants will not engage in any acts or policies which deprive any student of equal protection of the law whether by intentional segregation or discrimination based on a student's race or ethnic group.
- 20. Defendants will not undertake the construction of new schools or of permanent additions at existing schools without specific authorization of the Court. Nothing in this stipulation shall preclude the construction of new schools in the future if the construction of such schools is deemed to be in the best interest of the community and not inconsistent with on-going efforts to reduce segregation, nor shall anything herein preclude revision of student trans-. portation patterns for the purpose of having the effect of reducing or eliminating the transportation of students called for in this stipulation, consistent with on-going efforts to reduce segregation.
- 21. Hereafter, and until further order of the Court, all acts and/or policies of the District which substantially affect the racial or ethnic balance in any school in the District and/or which are discriminatory because based on

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race or ethnicity of any students in the District schools, shall be subject to Court review in these cases.

- 22. After five full school years of operation under the terms of this agreement and the student assignment plans adopted pursuant to this stipulation, the Defendants may on or after July 1, 1983, move the Court to dissolve the Settlement Order and dismiss these actions, with prejudice, unless the Plaintiffs or the Plaintiff-Intervenor, within at least thirty (30) days after service of such motion, object to the dissolution of the Settlement Order and the dismissal of these actions on the grounds that the Defendants have failed to comply with the terms of this agreement, or other applicable orders entered by the Court herein. If such an objection is filed, the Court shall set a hearing as soon thereafter as possible to determine the appropriate disposition of this action.
- 23. Once this Stipulation of Settlement becomes effective, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be determined solely by its terms and the terms of any subsequent stipulations or orders entered herein pursuant to it. Assuming that the expectations for student enrollments set out in the plans approved by the Court pursuant to this Stipulation are substantially met through the 1979-80 school year, the plan will be deemed to have been implemented insofar as student assignments are concerned in accordance with this Stipulation. Plaintiffs, Plaintiff-Intervenor and Defendants shall retain all rights and remedies provided by law or equity and the federal rules of procedure in seeking enforcement or relief from this and any subsequent stipulations and orders, including the right to seek review of any order enforcing or refusing to enforce such stipulations. Further, in seeking enforcement of or relief in any federal court

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 from the terms of this stipulation, no party may rely upon prior findings and conclusions in this case to interpret the terms of this stipulation or to determine the rights and obligations of the parties thereunder.

24. This stipulation shall become effective upon the Court's entry of the Settlement Order filed herewith and the Court's approval of the Stipulation of Dismissal, concerning Counts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Amended Complaint filed on behalf of Plaintiffs Mendoza, et al. If the Court fails to enter the Settlement Order and Order approving the Stipulation of Dismissal, this stipulation becomes void ab initio:

25. Any order entered in conjunction with paragraph 22 above, shall be considered as fully and finally terminating these cases, and resolving any and all disputes between the parties, including all class members, in the above captioned causes.

26. Defendants shall pay to counsel for all Plaintiffs as and for all their attorneys' fees and costs, both past and future, except to the extent of any attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Plaintiffs in the future as a result of Defendants' failure to comply with the terms and conditions agreed to herein, the aggregate sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), to be payable in two (2) installments, and to be divided among Plaintiffs' counsel as they may see fit. The two installment payments are to be made as follows and are conditioned upon counsel for Defendants being first provided by counsel for Plaintiffs with specific documentation in the form of time and expense records and vouchers which, in the reasonable opinion of Defendants' counsel, support such payment:

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- The second installment shall be Two Hundred (b) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), payable as soon as is reasonably possible after the entry of the Court's Order which is contemplated by paragraph 8(e) or 8(f) above, further providing that this second installment shall not be paid prior to July 10, 1979.
- 27. Anita Lohr may be dismissed as a Defendant in these actions.

Stipulated and agreed to this Ad day of August, 1978.

Attorney for Plaintiffs Fisher, et al.

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Michael O. Zavala Attorney for Plaintiffs Mendoza, et al.

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