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ROBERT MITCHELL, TACOMA, ET AL *

Plaintiffs *

v. *

DR. LINUS WRIGHT, GENERAL
SUPERINTENDENT, DALLAS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
ET AL. *

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3-4211-H

The Black Coalition proposal tracked the DISD plan for the

of the Seagoville subdistrict with the Southeast subdistrict is to be
eliminated immediately, thus eliminating the only predominantly Anglo

subdistrict under the 1976 plan. The movement to three administrative
divisions by 1984 will also do away with the present all black East Oak

Cliff subdistrict. Under the new plan, each subdistrict will more
nearly approximate the minority enrollment in DISD with blacks and
hispanics representing 21% and 20% respectively of the students in

Subdistrict I 70% and 15% in Subdistrict II and 41% and 10% in Sub

zone alterations, the times and distances involved, the ages of the students and the capacities of the affected schools, and finds that these proposed attendance zone revisions would feasibly further DISD desegregation,³ and should be APPROVED, with one modification.

Since students in the Ray attendance area presently must attend four different and geographically dispersed schools in their attendance area, the Court is reluctant to impose yet another change

at this time. Consequently, during the 1982-83 school year these students may exercise an option to attend either North Dallas or Hillcrest high school. The Court will review the Ray assignment situation in spring, 1983, to determine if any further change should be made.

These attendance zone changes will be effective with the

With the assignment of Hexter pupils, the Lakewood K-3 enrollment would still be over 90% anglo, although the enrollment in the K-6 grades, considered campuswide, would be 53% anglo. Although desegregative

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remedies ordered in the August 3, 1981, Opinion. The DISD recommendation that these six schools be closed will thus be APPROVED.

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Several additional matters are also pending before the Court. The DISD submitted an amendment to its desegregation plan for 4-8th grade assignments after the MNOP was disapproved. The amended proposal would realign the present feeder zones in grades 4-6 to reflect the

school closings and consolidations discussed earlier. In addition, some alterations are made to alleviate the resegregation of minority students which enrollment shifts have caused at some 4-6 receiving centers. No objection has been raised to these changes and they are APPROVED.

During the course of the December hearings, a question was raised concerning the eligibility criteria for the majority-to-minority transfer program. The interpretation of the current provision in the 1976 Order has operated to exclude some minority students from partici-

pation even though they attend a predominantly minority school. The Court directs that the guidelines for majority-to-minority transfer be

amended promptly to correct this situation and to insure the widest

DISD students in attending desegregated 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12 schools. Aggressive implementation of the financial incentive, publicity and transportation improvements to the majority-to-minority program will also further desegregation. For the predominantly minority schools