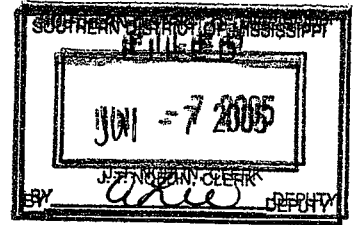


THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
 HATTIESBURG DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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 THE COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL )  
 DISTRICT, *et al.* )  
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 Defendants. )  
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Civil Action No. 2148(H)

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**CONSENT DECREE**

On April 28, 2005, the United States filed a motion for partial summary judgment, challenging the Covington County School District's use of race in its extracurricular programs, including the selection of Homecoming honors, class favorites, "Who's Who," class superlatives, and other student honors. As indicated by the signatures of their counsel below, the parties have consented to resolve this issue by agreeing to the provisions set forth below.

After reviewing its terms, the Court has determined that this agreement is reasonable, consistent with all legal requirements and in the interest of justice.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

The Covington County School District shall, beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, cease any practices utilizing a student's race, color or national origin in the selection of or eligibility for participation in any extracurricular activity, including the selection of Homecoming honors, class favorites, "Who's Who," class superlatives, or other student honors.

The District shall develop written racially non-discriminatory policies governing the Covington County schools' selection of Homecoming honors, class favorites, "Who's Who,"

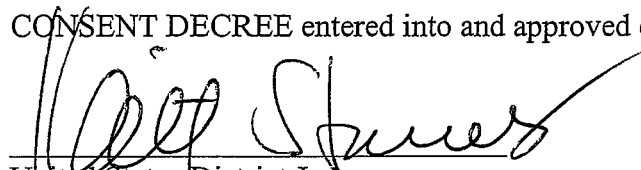
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class superlatives, or other student honors. The District shall disseminate the new policies to all of its employees and students. Within sixty (60) days of the entry of this Consent Decree, the District shall provide the United States with copies of the new policies as well as copies of any new policies or procedures adopted by an individual school to govern its selection of Homecoming honors, class favorites, "Who's Who," class superlatives, or other student honors.

Before the end of the 2005-2006 school year, the District shall provide information to the United States sufficient to demonstrate that the District's new race-neutral policies have been implemented by the Covington County schools. Such information shall include at minimum a copy of each of the District's high school yearbooks for the 2005-2006 school year.

All orders not inconsistent herewith remain in full force and effect:

CONSENT DECREE entered into and approved on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.

  
United States District Judge

THE UNDERSIGNED CONSENT TO THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER.

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