

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4706: 3:70CV4706-WHB

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI ET AL
(JONES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ET AL)**

DEFENDANTS

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to its desegregation obligations under this Court's previous Orders, the Jones County School District (the "District") has proposed to make certain changes, described below, in the facilities of its schools. The United States of America and the Jones County School District, having engaged in good faith negotiations, The United States of America, Department of Justice does not oppose the District's request, subject to this Court's approval.

The District currently owns buildings comprising the old Sharon Elementary School located at 4356 Sharon Road, Laurel, Mississippi 39443. This school building is not used in the operations of the School District. The District has determined from the opinions of an architectural and engineering consulting firm, Charles M. Clark Associates, that the existing old Sharon Elementary School building has deteriorated and is in such condition that it should be demolished.

The District also currently owns the old Shady Grove Elementary School building located at 4524 Highway 15 North, Laurel, Mississippi 39443. This school building is not being used in the operations of the School District. The District has determined from the opinions of an architectural and engineering consulting firm, Charles M. Clark Associates, that the existing old

Sharon Elementary School building has deteriorated and is in such condition that it should be demolished.

The District has determined that it is in the best interest of the students to demolish these two old school buildings.

The facilities for all other schools in the District will remain unchanged as of the date of this Court order.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

1. The old Sharon Elementary School building located at 4356 Sharon Road, Laurel, Mississippi 39443 may be demolished by the District.

2. The old Shady Grove Elementary School building located at 4524 Highway 15 North, Laurel, Mississippi 39443 may be demolished by the District.

3. The facilities for all other schools in the District remain unchanged as of the date of this Order.

4. The United States of America, Department of Justice does not oppose the District's request herein.

5. All other Orders not inconsistent herewith remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED on this the 8th day of December, 2016.

s/William H. Barbour, Jr.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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