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: **desegregation of the
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To the Community...

On May 21, 1976, the United States District Court approved a plan for the desegregation of the Omaha Public Schools, desegregation mandated by the Federal Courts.

The purpose of this booklet is to present the important points of the desegregation plan and the guidelines by which the plan will be implemented. The information contained here has been approved by the Omaha Board of Education.

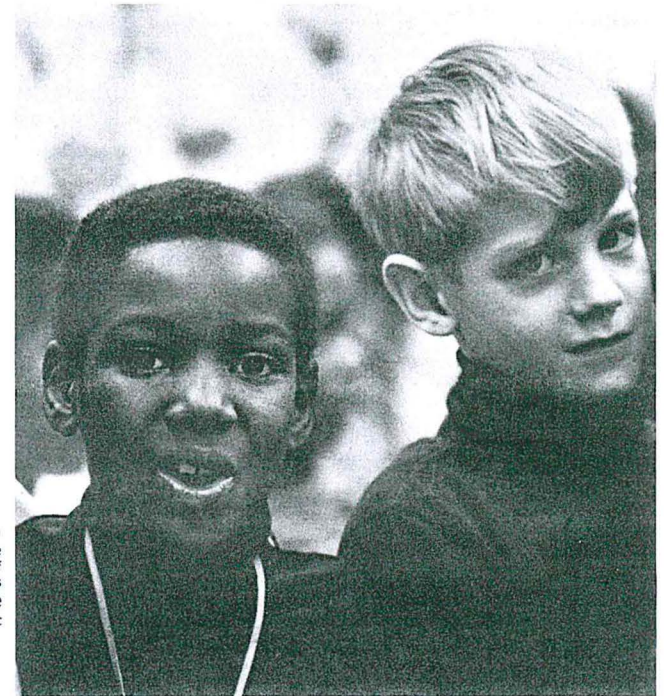
In determining these guidelines, the Board held strongly that the quality of the educational program of the Omaha Public Schools should be maintained or improved. The Board also has directed that any inconvenience to students, parents, school staff and the community caused by the court-ordered plan should be held to a minimum.

The plan for the desegregation of the Omaha Public Schools has been ordered and has the force of law. It is now the responsibility of all in this community. Students, parents, teachers--the entire population, working together, can do this job successfully.

We hope the information contained in this brochure will prove helpful to you. If additional information is sought, however, please contact the Office of Public Information

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Elementary Schools

Elementary schools are grouped for the purposes of meeting the requirements of the desegregation plan. Following are the clusters of schools. The symbols behind each school are the grades which will be contained in that school.

Cluster I

Castelar (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Lincoln (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Marrs (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Mason (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Riverview (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Rosewater (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Spring Lake (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Train (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Vinton (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Monmouth Park (See Below)

Cluster II

Ashland Park (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Chandler View (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Gilder (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Giles (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Pawnee (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Pleasant Hill (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Monmouth Park (See Below)

Cluster III

Beals (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Field Club (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Jefferson (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Park (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Robbins (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Windsor (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Primary Grade Center

Saratoga (K, 1, 2, 3)
Students who would attend grades 2 or 3 not offered in the schools in the left hand column will attend Saratoga School. Students in grades 4, 5, or 6 in the Saratoga attendance area will attend one of the schools in the left hand column.

Primary Grade Center

Kellom (K, 1, 2, 3)
Students who would attend grades 2 or 3 not offered in the schools in the left hand column will attend Kellom School. Students in grades 4, 5, or 6 in the Kellom attendance area will attend one of the schools in the left hand column.

Primary Grade Center

Clifton Hill (K, 1, 2, 3)
Students who would attend grades 2 or 3 not offered in the schools in the left hand column will attend Clifton Hill School. Students in grades 4, 5, or 6 in the Clifton Hill attendance area will attend one of the schools in the left hand column.

Cluster IV

Belle Ryan (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Dundee (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Harrison (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Jackson (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Saunders (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Washington (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Western Hills (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Monmouth Park (See Below)

Cluster V

Adams (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Catlin (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Columbian (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Crestridge (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Edison (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Joslyn (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Oak Valley (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Franklin (See Below)

Cluster VI

Boyd (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Dodge (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Irvington (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Masters (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Sunny Slope (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Cluster VII

Florence (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Hartman (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Pinewood (K, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)
Springville (K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Primary Grade Center

Kennedy (K, 1, 2, 3)
Students who would attend grades 2 or 3 not offered in the schools in the left hand column will attend Kennedy School. Students in grades 4, 5, or 6 in the Kennedy attendance area will attend one of the schools in the left hand column.

Primary Grade Center

Conestoga (K, 1, 2, 3)
Students who would attend grades 2 or 3 not offered in the schools in the left hand column will attend Conestoga School. Students in grades 4, 5, or 6 in the Conestoga attendance area will attend one of the schools in the left hand column.

Primary Grade Center

Lothrop (K, 1, 2, 3)
Students who would attend grades 2 or 3 not offered in the schools in the left hand column will attend Lothrop School. Students in grades 4, 5, or 6 in the Lothrop attendance area will attend one of the schools in the left hand column.

Primary Grade Center

Druid Hill (K, 1, 2, 3)
Students who would attend grades 2 or 3 not offered in the schools in the left hand column will attend Druid Hill School. Students in grades 4, 5, or 6 in the Druid Hill attendance area will attend one of the schools in the left hand column.



Franklin (Pre-Kindergarten, K, 1, 2)

1. All students in grades K-2 living in the Franklin attendance area may elect to attend Franklin. Excluding K-2 students living in areas assigned to Walnut Hill (See No. 3 below) all K-2 students may transfer to another school specified by the Omaha Board of Education under the racial balance transfer policy.
2. Area north of Lake Street will be reassigned to Cluster IV.
3. Area south of Blondo Street and west of 38th Street will be reassigned to Walnut Hill. Area south of Hamilton Street and west of 36th Street will also be reassigned to Walnut Hill.
4. Students in grades 3-6 from the remainder of the Franklin attendance area will be reassigned to Cluster V feeder schools.

Monmouth Park (Pre-Kindergarten, K, 1, 2)

1. All students in grades K-2 living in the Monmouth Park attendance area will have the option to attend Monmouth Park or transfer to another school specified by the Omaha Board of Education under the racial balance transfer policy.
2. Area north of Ames Avenue will be reassigned to Cluster IV (Grades 3-6).
3. Area south of Ames Avenue and north of a line along Sprague Street, Paxton Boulevard, and the Missouri Pacific Railroad, will be reassigned to Cluster I (Grades 3-6).
4. Area south of Sprague Street will be reassigned to Cluster II (Grades 3-6).

The following schools have been ordered "paired" which will permit the mixing of the student population of two schools to attain desegregation. The symbols behind each school are the grades which will be contained in that school.

Pair A

Corrigan (K, 1, 2, 3)

Indian Hill (K, 1, 4, 5, 6)

Example: A fourth grade student in the Corrigan attendance area will attend Indian Hill; a third grade student in the Indian Hill attendance area will attend Corrigan.

Pair B

Benson West (K, 1, 2, 3, 4)

Central Park (K, 1, 5, 6)

Example: A fifth grade student in the Benson West attendance area will attend Central Park; a fourth grade student in the Central Park attendance area will attend Benson West.

Pair C

Miller Park (K, 1, 2, 3, 4)

Sherman (K, 1, 5, 6)

Example: A fifth grade student in the Miller Park attendance area will attend Sherman; a third grade student in the Sherman attendance area will attend Miller Park.

Exemptions

Students in the following schools will not be reassigned and these schools will have grades Kindergarten through Sixth:

Belvedere	Ponca
District 67	Rosehill
Fontenelle	Wakonda
Highland	Walnut Hill
Minne Lusa	Yates
Mount View	

The following groups of children and facilities will be exempt from mandatory desegregation reassignment:

1. Schools with special facilities or programs.
 - a. J. P. Lord
 - b. Pickard
 - c. Lake
2. Categories of children with special educational needs.
 - a. Orthopedically Handicapped

- b. Trainable Mentally Handicapped
- c. Visually Impaired
- d. Acoustically Handicapped
- e. Homebound
- f. Engineered Classroom
- g. Educable Mentally Handicapped
- h. Learning Disabilities

General Conditions

Under the court-ordered reorganization of the elementary schools, it is important to note several general conditions:

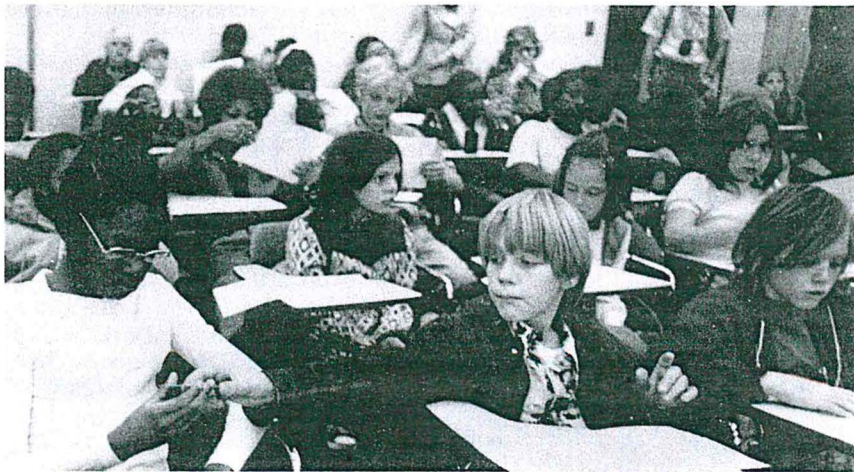
--All schools will provide kindergarten and first grades for students in their neighborhoods.

--Students in predominately black residential neighborhoods will attend their neighborhood schools through grade 3 (exceptions - Monmouth Park, Franklin). A student reassigned to a school in a predominately white residential neighborhood for grade 4 will remain in that school through grade 6.

--Students in predominately white residential neighborhoods will attend their neighborhood schools for grades kindergarten, one, two or three, four, five and six (exception - Pershing).

--Students who attended a school under the racial balance transfer program during the past school year may continue to attend that school.

--First grade students from all attendance areas may volunteer for school assignments under the racial balance transfer program.



Junior High Schools

Several general conditions are important in the court-ordered reorganization of the junior high schools of the Omaha Public Schools. They are:

--Students who attended specific schools during the past year under the racial balance transfer program may remain in those schools.

--All ninth grade students will attend junior high schools. Ninth grades in senior high schools have been eliminated.

--Assignment to junior high schools will be made by entire elementary school attendance areas with two exceptions, those of the Belle Ryan and Rosewater attendance areas.

Ninth Grade Centers

The desegregation plan mandated for the junior high schools has established two centers which will provide educational programs for students in the ninth grade only. These centers and their elementary school attendance feeder areas are:

Horace Mann Center

Boyd
Catlin
Columbian
Conestoga
Crestridge
District No. 67
Dodge
Druid Hill

Edison
Irvington
Joslyn
Kennedy
Lothrop
Masters
Oak Valley
Sunny Slope

Martin Luther King Center

Ashland Park
Chandler View
Clifton Hill
Franklin
Gilder

Giles
Marrs
Pawnee
Pleasant Hill
Riverview

Spring Lake