

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR UNITARY STATUS
OF CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**TO ALL SCHOOL AGED AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN RESIDING WITHIN THE
CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR PARENTS AND/OR LEGAL
GUARDIANS**

The Calhoun County Board of Education has asked the Court to enter an order granting unitary status and termination of that portion of the case originally known as *Lee v. Macon County, et al.* that pertains to the Calhoun County Board of Education (Civil Action No. 2:07-mc-1944-ACA in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama). The motion asserts that the Board of Education has met the terms of a consent decree approved by the Court on February 12, 2015. Notice is being provided for the benefit of those whose interests are affected.

The consent decree set forth numerous specific responsibilities of the Board that were designed to ensure that any vestiges of the *de jure* segregated system in the Calhoun County School District were eliminated to the extent practicable, and to demonstrate the good faith commitment of the Board and its officials to the whole of the Court's orders. It further provided that, once its provisions were met, the Board could ask the Court to declare it unitary. If the Court declares the Board unitary, the District will be released from judicial supervision.

The motion, the consent decree, and the last five years of Annual Reports filed by the Board in this case are available for review on the Board's website at <https://al01901382.schoolwires.net/ccboe>. The motion will also be posted at the District's central office (4400 McClellan Blvd, Anniston, AL 36206) and in the office of each local school. The attorneys for the private plaintiffs and the United States have no outstanding objections to the motion.

Judge Annemarie Carney Axon, United States District Court Judge, has scheduled a hearing for December 18, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in the United States Courthouse located at 1129 Noble Street, in Anniston, Alabama, to determine whether the Motion for Unitary Status should be granted. The hearing is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing must submit written comments before the hearing date and indicate that they wish to address the Court at the hearing. Forms for this purpose are available to be printed from the Calhoun County Board of Education website (<https://al01901382.schoolwires.net/ccboe>) and at the District's central office. **All written comments must be submitted to the Court at the address provided on the form and must be postmarked no later than December 4, 2019.**

If you have any questions, you may contact counsel for the private plaintiffs, Ernestine Sapp at (334) 727-4830; counsel for the United States, Natane Singleton at (202) 307-6880; or counsel for the Calhoun County Board of Education, Whit Colvin at (205) 251-2881.
