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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 65-12721**

**-vs-**

**JUDGE DRELL**

**AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE KIRK**

**ORDER**

During an October 7, 2014 telephone conference with counsel, Mr. Allen Holmes, Mr. Dwayne Lemoine, and Dr. William Gordon, the Court was informed there appear to be three principle issues which will require ultimate resolution before unitary status can be determined. The Court has also been advised it is an appropriate time for mediation to occur between and among the parties. However, portions of the timeline fixed on July 30, 2014 (Doc. 280) will require some alteration. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the hearing currently set for December 8 - 11, 2014 is UPSET.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties contact Dr. Percy Bates and arrange for an appropriate mediation as to all unresolved issues in the coming months. An appropriate Agreement to Mediate, which shall also include provisions for compensating the mediator, must be executed by all parties. Any issues relating to such Agreement, if not otherwise resolved, shall be presented to the Court by motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the mediation is unsuccessful, a hearing on any remaining issues regarding unitary status will be held in Alexandria, Louisiana from May 11 - 15, 2015. The first day of the hearing will begin at 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all expert depositions must be completed on or before November 15, 2014.

SIGNED on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014 at Alexandria, Louisiana.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dee D. Drell", written over a horizontal line.

DEE D. DRELL, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT