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An Examination of Disingenuous Deeds by St. Louis Public Schools 1945-1983

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Abstract

The Saint Louis Public Schools (SLPS) of St. Louis, Missouri, operated a de facto segregated school system for three decades after the United States Supreme Court decision Brown v. Board of Education. National and local media outlets celebrated St. Louis Public Schools for their desegregation plan in response to the 1954 United States Supreme Court Brown v. Board of Education decision. However, the counter narrative to media celebration is that the St. Louis Public Schools system practiced de facto segregation. In reality the St. Louis school district officials protected school segregation for half a century. In this research, I will expose duplicitous deeds implemented by the St. Louis Public Schools to protect a segregated school system prior to 1954 United States Supreme Court Brown v. Board of Education and sustained a segregated school system several decades after the decision. In 1980, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Missouri ruled through the Liddell v. Board of Education for the City of St. Louis the St. Louis school district established and maintained a racially segregated school system in violation of students' constitutional rights. This ruling mandated a metropolitan desegregation plan by the St. Louis Public Schools and surrounding districts twenty six years after the United States Supreme Court Brown v. Board of Education decision.

Upon remand, the district court held that the State defendants are “primarily constitutional wrongdoers who have abdicated their affirmative remedial duty concerning the segregated St. Louis public school system. Liddell v. Board of Educ., 491 F. Supp. 351,359 (E.D.Mo.1980)

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