# FISHERS PLAINTIFF'S COMMENTS ON THE SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONTINUING OBJECTIONS CONCERNING 2019-2020 BUDGET DRAFT #3

June 13, 2019

# General Comments on Special Master's June 6, 2019 Recommendations concerning Budget Draft #3

The Fishers Plaintiffs agree with and therefore join in the Special Master's R&R comments and also preserve and assert as "continuing objections" their existing objections in each of those areas of the budget addressed in the Special Master's R&R.

# Additional Comments Concerning Areas Addressed in the Special Master's R&R

# **Transportation Budget**

1. We are still concerned that the Transportation Budget has not been submitted for review. We also have requested to know the amount of unencumbered funds for this years budget and to know if they will be spent prior to July 1, 2019.

# **Transition Schools**

2. We want to concur with Dr. Hawley's concern about the Transition Schools not receiving adequate funding to meet academic needs. Even though these schools are not longer magnet schools, they were deseg schools long before they were magnet schools. We believe that they should receive ongoing funds. We have stated this before and want to reiterate it.

#### MTSS Personnel and Restorative Discipline

3. We again ask for the justification for deans of students, MTSS personnel and Restorative Discipline personnel being paid out of deseg funds.

# District Wide Liberians

4. The District has decided that all schools should have librarians. We don't disagree with this, but believe that it would be **supplanting** for all librarians to be funded by deseg funds.

# **Student Relations Department**

5. We also would like justification for the Student Relations Department being funded solely with deseg funds.

# Funding of 7 Period Days

6. Finally, does the District have any justification for funding 7 period days with deseg funds? Is there any documentation that shows seven period days improve academic achievement.

# Annual Outside Audit of Deseg Budget

7. Fishers object to Special Master's R&R, wherein he does not call for an annual outside Audit of the Budget as required by the U.S.P. Fishers see this as a very important validation or lack of validation or proper accounting of deseg funds. This omission has occurred since the inception of the U.S.P. The Fisher's strongly believes this is a dereliction of the Special Master's duties and obligations, as proper function of the Special Master position.