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The New Jersey State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NJSCNAACP) is here today to demonstrate our concern for the ruling of the New Jersey Supreme Court in the on going debate to determine if the New Jersey Supreme Court will maintain its historic mandates that require the New Jersey Legislature and the Governor to provide adequate funding support to required to insure equal educational opportunities for ALL students in ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW JERSEY.

THE NJSCNAACP BELIEVES THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT SHOULD REJECT THE REMEDY RECOMMENDED BY THE SPECIAL MASTER PETER DOYNE, JSC. The NJNAACP SUPPORTS THE POSITION THAT THE STATE HAS FAILED TO MEET THE BURDEN OF PROOF TO SUSTAIN THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM ACT OF 2008 AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE INJUNCTION REQUIRING PARITY IN EXPENDITURES BETWEEN ABBOTT DISTRICTS AND DFG I AND J DISTRICTS.

The NJSCNAACP appeals to the Supreme Court to conclude that the disparities of educational opportunities in New Jersey should be eliminated so that every student in New Jersey has equal educational opportunities in schools that are equal in every respect regardless of the socio-economic background and the geographical location of the students. The NJNAACP appeals to the Court to conclude that true equal educational opportunities are a compelling interest of the state of New Jersey. ALL residents benefit when ALL children receive excellent educational opportunities.

The NJNAACP appeals to the New Jersey Supreme Court to conclude that it is counter-productive to allow the salvage inequalities in the public schools in New Jersey, the second wealthiest state in the United States of America.

The NJSCNAACP hopes that the Court will conclude that the State fail to use realistic models that actually exist in New Jersey to arrive at its flawed funding formulas that are embedded in the School Funding Reform Act of 2008. The Court must direct the State to provide funding that will insure that the progress that was being made in Abbott Districts can continue rather than be reversed.

The NJSCNAACP will continue to demand the elimination of racial discrimination of minority and poor children in New Jersey that results from the concentration of poverty in New Jersey. The NJSCNAACP knows that justice delayed is justice denied. The NJSCNAACP demands justice now and we appeals the New Jersey Supreme Court to reject any obstacles that impedes the State's responsibility to provide for constitutionally guarantees of a "thorough and efficient education" to ALL children in NEW JERSEY NOW!

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