



State of Wisconsin

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

In the Matter of an Appeal Filed with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by Mrs. Betty O [REDACTED], Appealing the Decisions of the Wisconsin Rapids School Board to expel her sons, Harold M [REDACTED], Christopher M [REDACTED], John M [REDACTED], and James M [REDACTED] from Mead Elementary School.

O R D E R

From information submitted to the State Superintendent by appellants, from the record submitted to the State Superintendent by the School Board and from information gained informally at a prehearing conference in this matter on May 20, 1977, it is determined:

That Harold M [REDACTED], Christopher M [REDACTED], John M [REDACTED] and James M [REDACTED] were expelled from Mead Elementary School, after proceedings held before the Wisconsin Rapids School Board (hereinafter referred to as Board) on April 27, 1977, for the remainder of the 1976-77 school year.

That Harold is in seventh grade, and that Christopher, John and James are in fifth grade.

That sometime prior to these expulsions, the school district offered to place Harold, Christopher, John and James in four separate schools within the district, and to pay Mrs. O [REDACTED] to transport her sons to these schools.

That Mrs. O [REDACTED] did not accept this offer, and the Board subsequently expelled the four boys.

That, according to statements made by Mrs. O [REDACTED] and her attorney at a conference on May 20, 1977, Mrs. O [REDACTED] would now accept the school district's offer to place the four children in four separate schools and to pay her to transport the children to such schools.

That because the school year is nearly over, the likelihood that James, John, Christopher and Harold will suffer irreparable harm if not reinstated in school pending final disposition of these appeals is great.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That John, James, Harold and Christopher be forthwith admitted to four separate schools and that the Board pay their mother, Mrs. O [REDACTED] to transport the children to these schools, according to the terms previously offered Mrs. O [REDACTED] by the school district, pending the issuance of a final decision by the State Superintendent on the expulsion appeals.

Dated this 24th day of May, 1977.

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