

Voluntary Desegregation Plan^[1]
SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

Whereas Spartanburg County School District No. 5 is committed to providing high-quality and equal educational opportunities for all students in schools throughout the district;

Whereas Spartanburg County School District No. 5 does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion in its programs and activities;

Whereas Spartanburg County School District No. 5 believes that the racial, ethnic, cultural, economic, linguistic, religious, and geographic diversity of the district is a valuable benefit for preparing students to thrive within and contribute to a diverse society;

Whereas the U.S. Congress has recognized in establishing and funding the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) the importance of eliminating, reducing, and preventing minority group isolation in our nation's schools, as well as the ability of magnet schools to advance voluntary desegregation, to provide high-quality educational opportunities, and to serve as models for school improvement;

Whereas Spartanburg County School District No. 5 has submitted an MSAP grant application to request federal funding to secure resources necessary for new magnet schools to be developed or expanded and has proposed magnet programs to address all of the MSAP purposes;

Whereas Spartanburg County School District No. 5 commits to providing the resources needed to continue the operation of its proposed magnet schools if federal funding is awarded through an MSAP grant;

Whereas Spartanburg County School District No. 5's establishment of magnet programs will eliminate, reduce, or prevent minority group isolation in each of the proposed new magnet schools over the period of the grant award;

Whereas Spartanburg County School District No. 5 will implement strategies to recruit students from diverse backgrounds and to assign students by lottery based on student choice, without using academic or other criteria for entrance, and without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion; and

Whereas Spartanburg County School District No. 5 will implement any MSAP grant award it receives in a manner that is fully consistent with the statute, regulations, goals, definitions, and eligibility requirements of the MSAP.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that pending the award of the MSAP grant, Spartanburg County School District No. 5's School Board and Superintendent hereby approve this Voluntary Desegregation Plan to develop, expand, and implement school-wide magnet programs at the following schools:

- Duncan Elementary School, Arts
- Wellford Academy, Science and Technology

Adopted and approved this Monday, April 27, 2020.

Randall R. Gary, Ed.D., SCSD5 Superintendent

Julie McMakin, SCSD5 Board of Trustee's Chair

^[1] This plan is an eligibility requirement for Spartanburg County School District No. 5 to apply for the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (20 U.S.C. § 7231; 34 C.F.R. § 280.20).