

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
AND  
PROVIDENCE PLANTATION

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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JANE R. DOE :  
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VS. :  
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WILLIAM M. DAVIES, JR. :  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL BOARD :  
OF TRUSTEES, AND THE :  
PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE :  
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DECISION

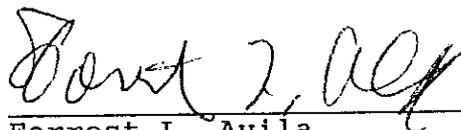
Decision on Interim Order

This matter is before the Commissioner on Pawtucket's request for an interim order enforcing our decision in this case pending review by the Board of Regents and potentially by the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

We have authority to grant an interim order to protect the rights of students "pending a hearing" (G.L. 16-39-3.2). We construe the phrase "pending a hearing" to include a hearing pending before the Regents and the Supreme Court at least until these reviewing tribunals have decided to grant or deny a stay of our decision.

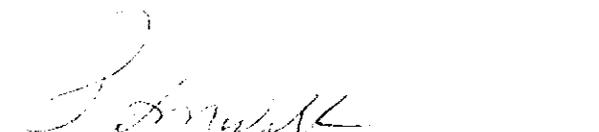
Conclusion

In our opinion the decision we made on the merits of this case was intended to protect the rights of students. We therefore order that next years entering class at Davies be admitted in accordance with our original decision in this matter unless our decision is stayed by the Board of Regents or the Supreme Court.



Forrest L. Avila  
Hearing Officer

Approved:

  
Peter McWalters, Commissioner

May 6, 1993  
Date