

5. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph V.

6. They admit the allegations of Paragraph VI, except that they allege they are operating the public schools in the City of Chicago in pursuance of the laws of the State of Illinois, and deny that such operations are merely in purported pursuance thereof.

7. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph VII, except that they admit that in some of the large cities of the United States, including Chicago, socio-economic forces sometimes result in persons of a common race, nationality or religion, or persons of common economic circumstances, living in the same general geographic area.

8. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph VIII.

9. As to Paragraph IX, defendants have no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations therein, and if such allegations are material, demand strict proof thereof.

10. As to Paragraph X, defendants have no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

truth of any of the allegations therein, and if such allegations are material, demand strict proof thereof.

11. As to Paragraph XI, defendants have no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of any of the allegations therein, and if such allegations are material, demand strict proof thereof.

12. As to Paragraph XII, defendants have no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and if such allegations are material, demand strict proof thereof.

13. Answering Paragraph XIII, defendants have no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and if such allegations are material, demand strict proof thereof.

14. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XIV.

15. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XV.

16. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XVI.

17. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XVII.

18. Answering Paragraph XVIII, defendants admit that children in the public schools of the City of Chicago are assigned to such schools under what is referred to as the attendance area policy. They allege that such policy is maintained pursuant to Ch. 122 Ill. Rev. Stat. 1963, Section 34-18(7), Section 6-7 of Chapter VI of the Rules of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and Board Report No. 66240, adopted October 23, 1958; that under such policy, public school pupils are required to attend the public school in the neighborhood or subdistrict in which their parents reside; that under certain circumstances, pupils are permitted to attend schools outside such subdistricts under Rules and Programs adopted by the defendant BOARD, which Rules and Programs are administered without regard to race, religion or nationality. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations that certain exceptions to the attendance area policy are not applicable to the plaintiffs or to the class which they purport to represent. They further allege that the Rules and Programs aforesaid are applicable to both Negro and white pupils and both Negro and white pupils have in fact exercised

the privileges accorded them under such Rules and Programs. With the above exceptions, they deny each and every other allegation of Paragraph XVIII.

19. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XIX.

20. Answering Paragraph XX, they admit that they have from time to time established and maintained so-called "neutral zones", but deny each and every remaining allegation of that Paragraph. They allege that only three such neutral zones are maintained at the present time.

21. Answering Paragraph XXI, they admit that they have established and now maintain upper grade centers, but deny each and every remaining allegation of that Paragraph.

22. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XXII.

23. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XXIII.

24. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XXIV.

25. They deny each and every allegation of Paragraph XXV.