

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
GREENBELT DIVISION

MS. PATRICIA FLETCHER,)
et al.)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
)
 LINDA LAMONE in her official)
 capacity as State Administrator of)
 Elections for the state of Maryland;)
 And ROBERT L. WALKER in his)
 official capacity as Chairman of the)
 State Board of Elections,)
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 Defendants.)
_____)

Civ. Action No.: RWT-11-3220

DECLARATION OF JULIA WILLIAMS

I, Julia Williams, declare based on personal knowledge and experience and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am an African-American resident of Upper Marlboro in Prince George’s County, Maryland. I have lived in Prince George’s County for four years. I also previously lived in Howard County for four or five years. Prior to taking time off to have my second child last month I was a teacher in the District of Columbia. I also previously taught in Baltimore City for three years. I have a Bachelors Degree in Marketing and Management from the University of Cincinnati and Masters Degree in Public Administration from Bowie State University.
2. I believe that African Americans in Maryland are economically exploited, socially degraded, politically suppressed.
3. My experience in Baltimore City Schools in African American neighborhoods compared to

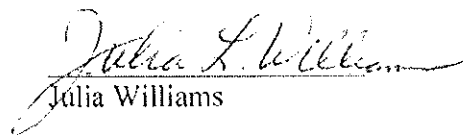
my friends who were teachers in Howard County showed me that African American schools were significantly lacking in resources and attention as compared to white schools.

4. In Baltimore City I taught third and fourth grade. My classrooms had between 34 and 36 kids. I did not have any aids or assistants in the classroom. It is almost impossible to effectively teach that many students at one time. My friends in Howard County had classes that were at least a third smaller.
5. Many teachers in Baltimore City had only temporary licenses versus more teachers being certified in Howard County. I did not have sufficient textbooks. I regularly had to stay long after hours at school photocopying one textbook for 36 students so that had something to learn from the next school day. I had no computers in my classroom. These were not the conditions in non-African American schools.
6. Now that I have a child in Prince George's County schools I see similar conditions as to those I saw in Baltimore City. Children are not getting the basic skills needed to pass tests. Two years ago the County recruited a number of Philipino teachers with promises of work visas. They spoke poor English and the children could not understand them. But to make matters worse the County failed to deliver on their promised work visas so many of them were forced to leave. African American schools are forced to endure unqualified teachers while surrounding counties have qualified teachers.
7. I previously lived in Howard County and as compared to Prince George's County there are simply not things for families to do. In Howard County we would go to malls, shopping stores, ice skating rinks, or activities at the library. There was a story night each week at the public library in Howard County where I could take my young child. Those types of activities and outlets don't exist in Prince George's County.

8. If we want to go to a nice restaurant we have to drive out of the county to non-African American neighborhoods in Annapolis or Washington D.C.
9. The hospitals in Prince George's County are also substandard. I just recently had my daughter in Washington Hospital Center. In addition, when I need medical attention and had surgery two years ago I went to Howard County General instead of going to the facilities in Prince George's County.
10. My husband, who is also African American, drives a BMW and is frequently pulled over for pretextual reasons. He is told that his windows are too darkly tinted, the exhaust is too loud or there is a light out. Each time he is questioned about his business and ownership of the car and then let go without any mention of wrongdoing or warning. These stops by the police are racially motivated.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 6, 2011.


Julia Williams