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Families Have Filed A Lawsuit Against Sun Prairie School District After Group of Teachers Administer Racist Slave Assignment

Sun Prairie, Wisconsin – Apr. 23, 2021 – Attorney B’Ivory LaMarr, representing parents and minors attending Patrick Marsh Middle school have filed a lawsuit against the Sun Prairie School District of Wisconsin following a racist student assignment that caused discomfort among a class of sixth graders and their parents

The school district faces a total of six counts including pupil discrimination, intentional infliction of emotional distress, violation of Civil Rights, deprivation of rights, violation of the First amendment, and emotional anguish.

At the beginning of Black History Month, African-American sixth-graders were left shocked and saddened by an Ancient Mesopotamia assignment. The exercise posed a series of questions, including the following: “A slave stands before you. This slave has disrespected his master by telling him ‘You are not my master!’ How will you punish this slave?”

"I felt really surprised, shocked and mind-blown," said a victim, adding that he feels "unsafe and unwelcomed" in the school.

Dazarrea Ervins a parent suing the school district said “while an email communication from the school admits they have caused harm to students and their families, we beg the question - in the current climate in which we live, do they really understand the damage that has been caused by such an assignment?”

As our country continues to deal with the global pandemic and social justice issues, the latter of which is completely controllable. Today the racism that has been promulgated across our country and demonstrated through police brutality, red-lining, housing, and employment, has today reached a new level of tolerance. Asking 6th grade students to take the position of a slave master to punish a slave is an intolerable act that will not be excused by a mere apology” said Attorney LaMarr.

Attorney B’Ivory LaMarr intends to hold the school and its officials accountable for what he deems as clearly harsh, inappropriate, and inexcusable behavior. “We must all be held accountable for our actions, and those who are entrusted to shape the minds of our next generation are held at a higher level of accountability. When school districts have not had to face disciplinary actions for their behavior, they’ve continued to operate using the same mentality.” LaMarr adds, “In order to unite and move forward in America, we must not turn a blind eye at
the wrongs of our past and must ensure accountability accompanied by swift action as we move forward.”

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Attorney B’Ivory LaMarr was a featured speaker at the 2020 March on Washington D.C. He has been retained on several high-profile, national and international cases, including the wrongful shooting of Jacob Blake, the police strangulation case of Joel Acevedo, as well as other cases where he has been featured and regularly quoted on multiple mainstream networks. LaMarr has dedicated his practice to providing a voice for the voiceless and being in the community, of the community, and for the community. All media inquiries and interview requests should be directed to Tanya Wiley at 336-345-2628. Photos available upon request.