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Internal Staff Update for Tuesday:

In the Abbeville County school case, the Senate and House requested that the court end its monitoring of the parties. The Governor's office filed a response in agreement to release the parties from the suit. The Plaintiffs' opposed the release from court monitoring. The Court wrote a lengthy response explaining all of the changes that the Defendants have made, giving credit specifically to Governor Haley for her K-12 Education Reform Initiative and stating that the majority of her recommendations were accepted. The opinion also cited to the 2016 Education Agenda, and the Governor's stated commitment. Ultimately, the Court gave high praise for the reports that it has received, but stated it still would require progress reports by June 30, 2017. However, the Court ended its Order by explaining that Plaintiffs have to submit reports as well, and specifically called the Plaintiffs to work with the Defendants and look at consolidation among other specified items.

release and asked the Court to continue its monitoring.

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