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**Press Release**  
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In January of 2014, the ACLU filed suit against the Sabine Parish School Board and three individual employees, Dr. Sara Ebarb, Rita Roark, and Gene Wright, alleging various constitutional violations. The defendants maintained that the ACLU did not have viable claims against these individuals. Accordingly, the ACLU agreed to dismiss Dr. Ebarb, Mrs. Roark, and Mr. Wright from the suit.

The Sabine Parish School Board was then able to resolve the remaining claims asserted by the ACLU. This action was taken in order to comply with Federal law and to limit further financial loss to the District. All parties agreed to a Consent Decree Order, filed March 14, 2014. The Sabine Parish School Board is following the Consent Decree Order and has provided training to all certified and professional staff.

Sabine Parish schools are in session and moving forward focused on the education of our students. It is our strong desire to provide all students with a high quality education in a positive learning environment.

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