

How We Did the Story: School Segregation Today

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CHOOSING ANGLES

- Why now? What's at stake?
- What are the roots, impact and solutions?
- Focused on one piece of puzzle: racist district zoning maps

Report: State by State, How Segregation Legally Continues 7 Decades Post Brown

Researchers unveil loopholes, laws & lack of protections allowing Black, brown, low-income students to be excluded from America's most coveted schools

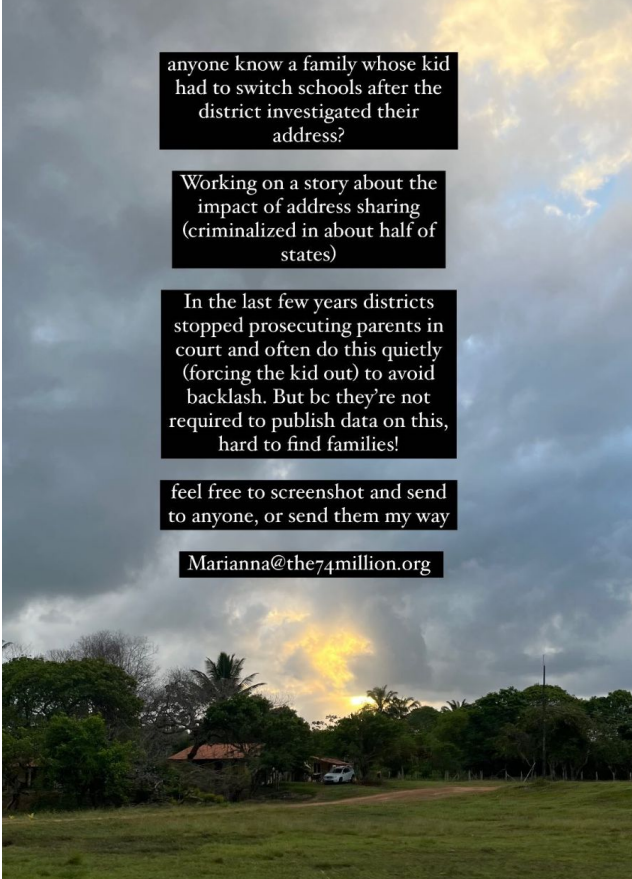
'It Destroyed Me': Lasting Trauma Years After Districts' Address Crackdowns

Over a decade since their viral prosecutions for using false addresses to send their children to better quality schools, families try to heal.

Q&A: Civil Rights Lawyer Erika Wilson on How to Reignite Desegregation Efforts

From district maps reinforcing sundown towns to seceding cities, how segregation is perpetuated today & what legal frameworks can help.

FINDING SOURCES



anyone know a family whose kid
had to switch schools after the
district investigated their
address?

Working on a story about the
impact of address sharing
(criminalized in about half of
states)

In the last few years districts
stopped prosecuting parents in
court and often do this quietly
(forcing the kid out) to avoid
backlash. But bc they're not
required to publish data on this,
hard to find families!

feel free to screenshot and send
to anyone, or send them my way

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- Families: youth nonprofits, local events, social media, old news articles
- K-12 staff: who witnesses the exclusion play out?
- Who made this their life? Civil rights lawyers, activists, education researchers, nonprofits

REPORTING & WRITING

- Build trust
- Use trauma-informed techniques
- Write about dignity, resiliency, solutions. Not only pain, trauma

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Magisterial District Number: 38-2-08

MDJ: Hon. JAY S. [REDACTED]

Address: 102 [REDACTED]
WILLIAMSBURG

Telephone: 215 [REDACTED]

DEFENDANT: [REDACTED]

POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.
(NAME and ADDRESS)

It is the intent of the Lower Moreland Township School District to prosecute, to the fullest extent of the law, any individual furnishing false information in the accompanying registration forms for the purpose of enrolling non-resident students. The penalties for providing false information are as follows, in accordance with Public School Code, Section 1302 (24 P.S. § 13-1302a):

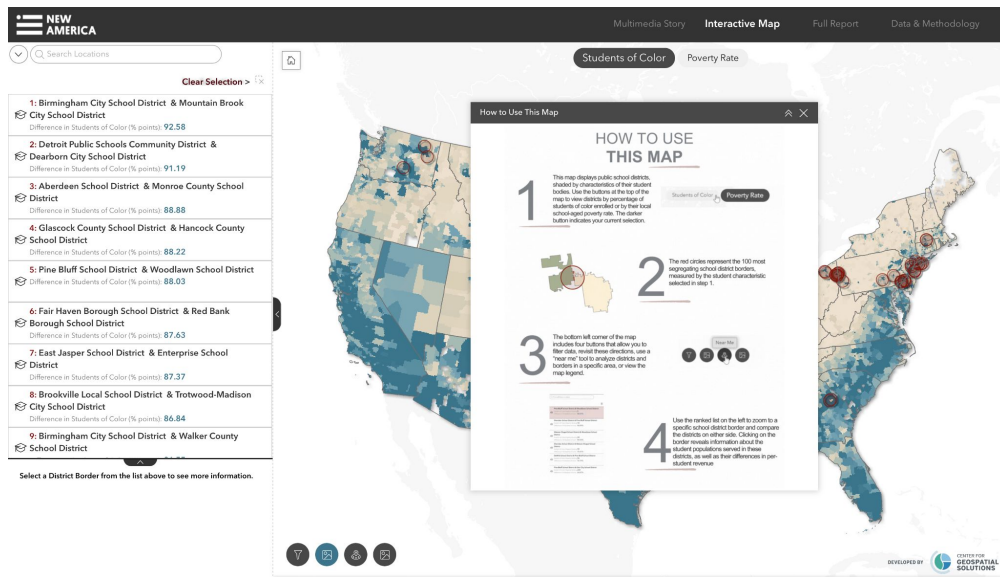
☐ 1-Felony Full ☐ Immediate removal from school
☐ 2-Felony Ltd. ☐ 5-Felony Pend.
☒ 3-Felony Surrounding States ☐ A-Misd.

Reason: The school is not willing to accept tuition for my daughter (FORELINA GARCIA) to continue her education in PINE Elementary School.

New School: PINE Elementary School

CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY

FINDING MORE STORIES



NEW AMERICA

- Is your district considering closures? Where & how are kids going to be sorted?
- What are families, advocates pushing for?
- Where are the “case studies”? What threads connect them?

THANK YOU

Where to find some
segregation stories:

- ProPublica
- WHYY's "Kicked Out"
- Boston Globe
- Available to All

Where to find me:

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