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Scan the QR code to read Dyer v. Atlanta Independent School System  
— the federal civil rights case fighting to stop these closures.

**Case No. 1:26-cv-01284-MHC.**



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# SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

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## **1. 16 Schools Closed. All in Black Neighborhoods.**

APS Forward 2040 targets 16 schools for closure — every single one in a predominantly Black community. This is not a coincidence. This is a pattern.

## **2. The Community Said No. The Board Voted Yes Anyway.**

On December 3, 2025, the Atlanta Board of Education voted to close these schools over unanimous community opposition. They didn't listen. We will make them hear us.

## **3. They Renovated Stanton for \$22 Million — Then Closed It.**

F.L. Stanton Elementary received a \$22 million renovation that served just 150 students. Then APS closed it anyway. That is \$22 million in taxpayer money spent on a school they planned to abandon.

## **4. \$147 Million for North Atlanta. Nothing for Our Neighborhoods.**

APS spent \$147 million to expand North Atlanta High School — adding 1,000 seats in a predominantly white area. Meanwhile, our schools serving 150 students got renovated and then shuttered. Two communities, one school system, two very different outcomes.

## **5. Charter Schools Get Extended. Our Schools Get Closed.**

In January 2026 — just weeks after the closures were voted in — Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School received a five-year extension with zero board opposition. The difference? Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School's student population is 61% white. Our closed schools serve predominantly Black children. Same board. Different outcomes.

## **6. This Has Been Happening for 157 Years.**

Atlanta has been closing schools in Black neighborhoods since Reconstruction. APS Forward 2040 is not a new plan. It is the latest chapter in a century and a half of documented discrimination.

## **7. Closing Schools Destroys Communities.**

When a school closes, property values fall, families leave, and community anchors disappear. School closures are not just an education issue — they are an economic and civil rights issue.

## **8. Our Children Should Not Have to Travel Farther for an Equal Education.**

At Dunbar Elementary — one of the 16 schools on the closure list — 85% of students walk to school. Closing Dunbar does not just displace children; it severs the most basic promise of a neighborhood school. Displacing thousands of students into longer commutes places the burden squarely on the families who can least afford it. Equal protection means equal access — not equal distance.

## **9. This Is a Civil Rights Case. A Federal Court Will Decide.**

Dyer v. Atlanta Independent School System, Case No. 1:26-cv-01284-MHC, is now before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The law is on our side. History is on our side. Today, we stand together.