The local branch of the PTA, the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, the East Baton Rouge Parish Association of Educators and the East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers urged the board to support the proposal in February.

Hammonds said the motion and accompanying memo are updates of motions filed in previous years concerning the redesign plan. He said the current motion would have been filed in court sooner but that he had been waiting on a response from the plaintiffs, who have had copies of it since April 26.

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