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The Board of the Milwaukee Jewish Council at its regular May meeting called for compliance with the Federal Court order for school integration. The Council reiterated its stand that segregation and quality education for both Black and White students are incompatible and that school segregation would contribute to the creation of slums and the loss of tax base for the city. The Council also said that racial segregation is contrary to the religious ethics of Judaism and to democratic principles of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

The statement urged that the Milwaukee Public Schools maximize voluntary integration but pointed out that such plans may not achieve the goal of integration. It may be necessary to end open enrollment policies to revise school site selection and where necessary busing can be used as a method of achieving quality integration.

The Milwaukee Jewish Council statement pointed out that the Federal order applies only to the city of Milwaukee and that suburban systems remain largely segregated. The Milwaukee Jewish Council called for school integration on a metropolitan wide basis and urged parents, school administrations and school boards to participate in the integration program provided for in the recently enacted Conta - Sensenbrenner - Johnston legislation.