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In school segregation case, New Jersey opposes appeal as think tank urges court to consider remedy

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The ongoing court case that accuses New Jersey of failing to fix de facto segregation in its public school system recently marked seven years since it was filed and is no closer to resolution, as two new filings signal more years of expensive litigation ahead.

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The state's opposition came the same week the New Jersey Policy Institute, a new think tank group that supports school-choice efforts, filed an amicus brief, which is a legal filing to enter the court record from a party that's not involved in the case. The group wants the courts to consider expanding the state's existing interdistrict school choice program "as a vehicle for creating greater diversity in New Jersey schools," the brief states.

The voluntary program, which allows school districts to opt-in as a "choice district," has been frozen since 2015 but has a waitlist of more than 2,000 students, the group states in its brief.

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