

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

THOMAS ABBOTT; *et al.* PLAINTIFFS

v. 4:12CV00726-BSM

FIRST STUDENT INC. DEFENDANT

ALONZO BENNETT; *et al.* PLAINTIFFS

v. 4:12CV00798-BSM

FIRST STUDENT INC. DEFENDANT

ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Chief United States District Judge Brian S. Miller has referred this case to the undersigned magistrate judge for a settlement conference.

1. By **12:00 p.m. on January 21, 2014**, Plaintiffs' counsel shall submit a written demand containing itemized damages to defense counsel. Damages must be viable claims under the law.

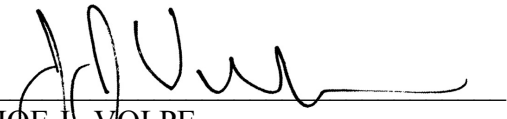
2. By **12:00 p.m. on January 27, 2014**, defense counsel shall submit a written offer to Plaintiff's counsel explaining why such a settlement is appropriate.

3. If settlement is not reached on your own, Plaintiffs' counsel shall fax (501-604-5378) or email (Anita_Lee@ared.uscourts.gov and Joe_Volpe@ared.uscourts.gov) the demand and offer to Judge Volpe by **12:00 p.m. on January 31, 2014**. Do not file on the court docket.

4. Parties with settlement authority are expected to attend.

5. The settlement conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 2C of the Richard Sheppard Arnold United States Courthouse, 500 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15th day of January, 2014



JOE J. VOLPE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE