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The five-year desegregation plan very possibly will mean about 2,000 Negroes in formerly white or predominantly white schools by 1967.

The plan calls for classes in all grades to be desegregated by the 1967 school year. If approved by the court, the school superintendent would be allowed to establish attendance areas. The plan is based solely on residence of pupils and capacity of schools. It still contains an escape or freedom of choice ~~clause~~ clause - for pupils in the racial minority in a school. Tonight, Rushton also recommended the ~~er~~ erection of ~~two new~~ junior ~~highs~~ two new ~~highs~~ highs - one in northwest and the other in southwest. This would mean abandoning Gilmer School and Lee Junior. <sup>(ROLL FILM)</sup> The plans call for building the new northwest junior high by 1964.

Today, Rushton briefed ~~WX~~ Channel 10 news on the desegregation plan: (((SOUND UP:SOF)))

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Because two School Board members were absent tonight, the board held up action on Superintendent E. W. Rushton's new desegregation plan until a special meeting can be held.

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Rushton told ~~the~~ WSLs-TV News that he'd probably call the meeting for next Monday evening. At that ~~time~~ time, all members will be present. ~~Surprisingly~~ Surprisingly, only a hand-full of negroes showed up at the meeting to hear Rushton reveal the new plan to Board Members. Only one negro, A. Byron Smith, asked to be heard. He wanted to know if when a child graduated from one grade to another if the new grade was automatically integrated. He was assured this would be the case. After presenting the plan, Board member Roy Webber moved that the board accept Rushton's recommendations for study, and call a special meeting. The new desegregation plan is a five year plan involving first, second, ~~third~~ third and seventh grades next September. March 15th is the deadline for turning in a new desegregation set-up to Federal Judge Mickey.

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