C-SPAN to Air Same-Day Recordings of U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments in Two Affirmative Action Cases on Monday, December 4 at 11:15 A.M. ET

WASHINGTON - On Monday, December 4, at 11:15 a.m. ET, C-SPAN, C-SPAN Radio and c-span.org will begin airing the Supreme Court oral arguments of two affirmative action cases that the Court is scheduled to hear that morning: Parents Involved v. Seattle School District No. 1 and Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education. C-SPAN regularly makes requests to the Supreme Court for the same-day release of oral argument recordings that meet the court's standard for heightened public interest, and wrote to Chief Justice John Roberts asking for the same-day release of the audio recordings for Monday's cases.

Both cases address whether race can be considered when assigning students to public schools. The recordings are available to the media and will air on C-SPAN, C-SPAN Radio and c-span.org as the Court releases the audio, 15 to 30 minutes after the conclusion of each one-hour oral argument.

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