## LPB TO PREVIEW **FRONTLINE: SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL** ON **LOUISIANA: THE STATE WE'RE IN** FRIDAY AT 7PM

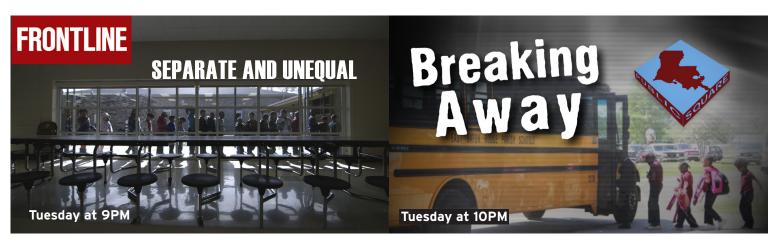


The vigorous and passionate debate over the proposed pullout of St. George from the city of Baton Rouge is captured in the **PBS FRONTLINE** documentary *Separate and Unequal* which premieres Tuesday, July 15 at 9PM on LPB. That will be followed at 10PM by *Breaking Away*, a **Louisiana Public Square** special presentation, which will give proponents and opponents of the St. George movement a chance to give their opinion on the **FRONTLINE** broadcast and provide information on the history of desegregation in East Baton Rouge Parish.

The St. George effort is not something that is unique to Louisiana as similar efforts are underway in Dallas and Atlanta to create new cities and school districts. Producer Mary Robertson said Baton Rouge was of particular interest due to its history of having the longest running desegregation case in the country.

What does the St. George movement say about race, class and public education? Robertson says she spent nearly a year meeting with and interviewing the major players on both sides of this controversial issue. She talks candidly with **Louisiana: The State We're In** co-host Shauna Sanford about the unlimited access she was given and the difficult questions that this unfolding story raises on this week's episode of **Louisiana: The State We're In** on Friday, July 11th at 7PM statewide on LPB.

For additional resources and video, visit www.lpb.org/breakingaway or call 225-767-4276



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