

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

Corel Lenhardt,

Appellant,

vs.

Charleston County School District,

Respondent.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Case No.: 2025-CP-10-0921

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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TO: THE CLERK OF COURT FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY
AND COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Appellant, Corel Lenhardt, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby appeals to the South Carolina Court of Appeals from the Order entered in the above-captioned matter on July 15, 2025, by the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, affirming the termination decision of the Respondent, Charleston County School District. This appeal is taken pursuant to Rule 203(b)(1), South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, and includes all issues preserved in the Appellant's Motion to Reconsider filed July 22, 2025, and the underlying Order of July 15, 2025, which affirmed the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees' January 31, 2025, termination decision.

A copy of the July 15, 2025, Order affirming the termination decision of the Respondent is attached as Exhibit A.

A copy of the October 23, 2025, Order denying Appellant's Motion to Reconsider, Alter , or Amend is attached as Exhibit B.

Appellant seeks reversal of the Circuit Court's July 15, 2025, Order. Appellant further requests the Court of Appeals issue and Order reversing the decision of the Board of Trustees, reinstate the employment of Appellant and award Appellant back pay, actual damages, costs, and

attorney's fees. In the alternative to reinstatement, Appellant requests the Court of Appeals award Plaintiff front pay in the amount of two years after the date of dismissal. See, S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-480(B), and any other relief deemed just and proper under S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-480(B).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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I do hereby certify, on this date, that a copy of the foregoing **Notice of Appeal** in this matter **was served by U.S. Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and by email** to the following address:

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