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IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Circuit Court Judge Deadra L. Jefferson

Court of Appeals Case No. 2025-002194

Corel Lenhardt,

Appellant,

v.

Charleston County School District,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INITIAL BRIEF

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS:

Appellant Corel Lenhardt, through her undersigned counsel hereby requests of the Court an extension of time to file Appellant's Initial Brief. Appellant's Initial Brief is currently due Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Obligations of Appellant's counsel on other cases and need to address issues with Counsel's family related to the recent weather conditions, necessitate an extension of time for the undersigned to finalize Appellant's Initial Brief.

For these reasons, the undersigned respectfully requests a 14-day extension of time, until February 18, 2026, to file Appellant's Initial Brief. Prior to filing this motion, Appellant's counsel consulted with counsel for Respondent, who consents to the requested

extension.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Emmanuel J. Ferguson

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**PROOF OF SERVICE OF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR APPELLANT TO
FILE INITIAL BRIEF**

Pursuant to Section (d)(1) of the Supreme Court's Order Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (As Amended May 6, 2022), the undersigned counsel for the Respondent Corel Lenhardt, does hereby certify that service of the **Motion for Extension of Time for Appellant to File Initial Brief** in the above-captioned matter was made upon Appellant by email on this 2nd day of February 2026 as follows:

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Via Email Only

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
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Re: *Corel Lenhardt v. Charleston County School*
District Court of Appeals Case No. 2025-002194

Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is a Motion for Extension of Time for Appellant to File Initial Brief. Also enclosed is the Proof of Service of the Motion on the Respondent.

A check for filing fee of \$50.00 is being sent separately by mail.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Enclosure: as stated

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