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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.

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Hello Rene,

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