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**SC Court of Appeals**

IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM BERKELEY COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Circuit Court Judge Dianne S. Goodstein  
Circuit Court Case Number 2024-CP-08-03367

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Appellate Case No. 2026-000034

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Stephanie Lehman,

Respondent,

v.

Berkeley County School District  
and Anne-Magill Payne,  
individually, and as an agent of  
Berkeley County School District,

of whom Berkeley County School  
District  
is Appellant,

Appellant.

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**RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL AS INTERLOCUTORY**

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

Respondent, Stephanie Lehman, by her counsel undersigned, moves this Court pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, for an order dismissing this appeal as interlocutory and not immediately appealable. Appellant seeks review of two pretrial orders, the Order filed November 6, 2025, denying Appellant's Motion to Strike and for More Definite Statement and the Form 4 Order filed December 8, 2025 denying Appellant's Motion to Alter or Amend. Neither order ends the case, resolves any cause of action or defense, or results in a final judgment.

Because the right of appeal is statutory and immediate appealability is limited to the categories set forth in S.C. Code Ann. § 14-3-330, this appeal should be dismissed for lack of statutory authorization. A memorandum with citation of authorities is filed contemporaneously with this Motion as required by Rule 240(c)(2), SCACR.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that the Court dismiss the appeal as interlocutory, and grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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