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IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM BERKELEY COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Circuit Court Judge Dianne S. Goodstein

Case No. 2026-000034

Stephanie Lehman,

Respondent,

v.

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

of which Berkeley County School District
is the Appellant,

Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEF

Appellant Berkeley County School District, through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests an extension of time to file Appellant's reply brief. Appellant's reply brief is due Monday, August 10, 2026. Obligations of Appellant's counsel on other cases and other deadlines necessitate an extension of time for the undersigned firm to prepare Appellant's reply brief.

For the reasons discussed, the undersigned respectfully requests an extension of time until Monday, August 31, 2026, to file Appellant's reply brief. Prior to filing this motion, Appellant's counsel consulted with counsel for Respondent, and Respondent does not oppose Appellant's

request for the extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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 Appellant Berkeley County School District, does hereby certify that service of the **Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief** in the above-captioned matter was made upon Respondent by email on this 7th day of August 2026 as follows:

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Re: *Stephanie Lehman v. Berkeley County School District*
No.: 2026-000034

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is a Motion for Extension of Time for Appellant to File Reply Brief.
Also enclosed is the related Proof of Service.

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

Sincerely,

CLAWSON & STAUBES, LLC

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Enclosure: as stated

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