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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: Sharon A. Brown, Appellant vs. Cherokee County School District One,
Respondent, Appellate Case No. 2016-001833

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Appellant filed her Notice of Appeal in this case with the Court of Appeals on August 31, 2016. However, Appellant had earlier filed a Motion for Reconsideration with the trial court (on August 5, 2016), which was still pending when she filed her Notice of Appeal. Appellant attached a copy of the trial court's July 25 Order to the Notice of Appeal but did not advise the Court of Appeals that she had filed a Motion for Reconsideration in the trial court.

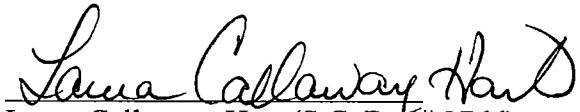
Appellant has filed multiple memoranda of law in support of her Motion with the trial court, including one submission filed after the Notice of Appeal was filed. The trial court has not ruled on her Motion for Reconsideration.

As we understand it, the time for filing a notice of appeal is stayed by the timely filing of a motion for reconsideration, until the motion is either granted or denied. We further understand that the notice of appeal takes jurisdiction out of the trial court and leaves it exclusively with the Court of Appeals.

Accordingly, to avoid any confusion regarding jurisdiction, we respectfully ask the court to dismiss the appeal without prejudice pending the trial court's decision on the Motion for Reconsideration or take any other action deemed appropriate by this court.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Callaway Hart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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