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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Mark D. Ostendorff v. School District of Pickens County, et al.
Appellate Case No. 2016-002540
Unpublished Op. No.: 2016-UP-421 (SC Ct. App. filed October 5, 2016)

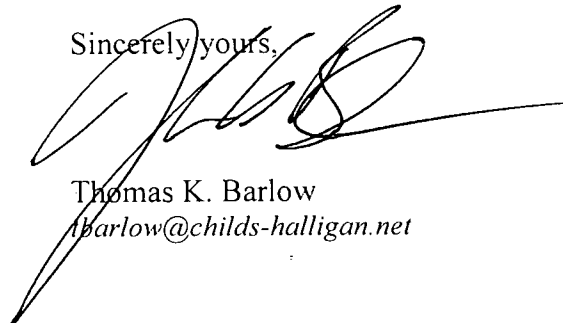
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Our firm represents the Respondents in connection with the above-referenced Petition for Certiorari. Enclosed for filing please find an original and seven copies of Respondents' Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Please return the extra file-stamped copy of this filing to our office via our courier. By copy of this letter we are today serving copies of the above-referenced filing on the *pro se* Appellant.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

c: Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Mr. Mark D. Ostendorff