

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

June 22, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of South Carolina
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

RE: *Abbeville County School District, et al. v. State of South Carolina, et al.*
Appellate Case No. 2007-065159

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

On January 24, 2017, upon ascending to the Office of the Governor, the Honorable Henry D. McMaster was automatically substituted for the Honorable Nikki R. Haley in the above-referenced matter pursuant to Rule 265(d) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. Based on a review of the Court's June 9, 2017 Order, the caption of the present appeal has been amended to reflect this substitution. Accordingly, enclosed for filing in this matter are the original and seven (7) copies of a Notice of Appearance reflecting the amended case caption and advising of the appearance of the undersigned and Richele K. Taylor, Esquire as counsel of record for Respondent Henry D. McMaster, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of South Carolina. Please clock-in and stamp the additional copy and return the same via our courier.

In light of the aforementioned appearance and substitution under Rule 265(d), and because prior counsel for Governor Haley are no longer employed by or involved in the representation of the Office of the Governor, please allow this letter to also serve as our formal notice and request that the Court remove Holly G. Pisarik, Esquire and Swati Shah Patel, Esquire from the docket as designated counsel of record for Governor McMaster and substitute the undersigned and Richele K. Taylor, Esquire. Based on our review of the applicable rules, as well as a recent telephone conversation with a member of your staff, it is our understanding that a formal motion is not necessary to effect either the substitution of Governor McMaster or the removal and replacement of Holly G. Pisarik, Esquire and Swati Shah Patel, Esquire as counsel of record in this matter; nevertheless, in accordance with Rule 264 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Governor

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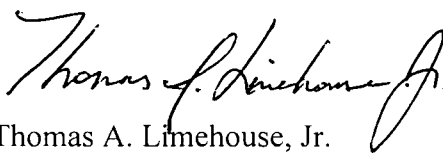
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McMaster has consented to the substitution of counsel in the manner set forth herein, as evidenced by his signature below. Of course, please do not hesitate to contact us should the Court ultimately prefer a formal motion or petition or otherwise require any additional information to process this request.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter. By copy of this letter, we are advising counsel of record of this communication with the Court and serving the enclosed Notice of Appearance on all Parties, as reflected in the accompanying Proof of Service.

Very truly yours,



Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.
Legal Counsel

I CONSENT:



Henry McMaster
Governor

Enclosures

cc w/enc:

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APPEAL FROM LEE COUNTY
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as Speaker of the House of Representatives and
as a representative of the South Carolina House
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and

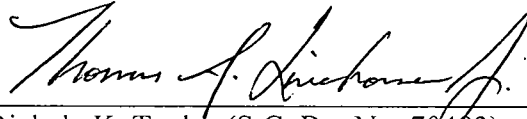
State of South Carolina, Henry D. McMaster,
as Governor of the State of South Carolina, are.....Respondents.

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned counsel with the Office of the Governor hereby enter their appearance in the above-captioned matter as counsel of record for Respondent Henry D. McMaster, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of South Carolina (“Respondent”). Accordingly, the undersigned counsel respectfully request that the Clerk of Court note such appearance on the docket and that all counsel of record update their respective service and distribution lists to reflect the same.

[SIGNATURE ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Respectfully submitted,



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of Representatives, are..... Respondents–Appellants,

and

State of South Carolina, Henry D. McMaster,
as Governor of the State of South Carolina, are..... Respondents.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appearance on each of the other parties, through their respective counsel of record, by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this date, addressed as follows:

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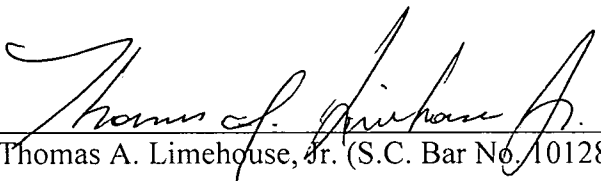
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