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## Via Hand Delivery

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

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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

RE: Abbeville County School District, et al. v. State of South Carolina, et al.  
Civil Action No. 93-CP-31-169  
Court of Appeals Case Tracking No. 2007-065159  
Our File No. 11884/01500

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

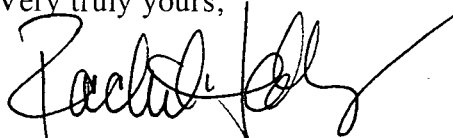
Pursuant to Rule 240(e), SCACR, Appellants-Respondents, the Plaintiff School Districts, write to inform the Court that they do not plan to file a Return to the Supplemental Petition to Vacate Continuing Jurisdiction, or in the Alternative, Dismiss the South Carolina House of Representatives as a Respondent, filed on July 12, 2017 by Respondent-Appellant James H. Lucas, as Speaker and Representative of the South Carolina House of Representatives, unless a Return is requested by the Court.

On June 30, 2017, the Plaintiff Districts filed a Report and Return to the House's June 22, 2017 Petition to Vacate Continuing Jurisdiction, in which the Plaintiff Districts set forth the reasons they oppose the House's request for this Court to vacate continuing jurisdiction, and reported on the significant efforts they have undertaken to address the Court's concerns. The jurisdictional issue before the Court has been fully briefed, and the House's Supplemental Petition to Vacate Continuing Jurisdiction, or in the Alternative, Dismiss the South Carolina House of Representatives as a Respondent, should be denied for reasons previously stated.

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By copy of this letter to other counsel, we are serving them with a copy of same.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Hedley", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Atkin Hedley

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Enclosures

cc: Kenneth M. Moffitt, Esquire  
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