

**THIS OPINION HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE  
CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.**

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals**

Kim Murphy, Appellant,

v.

Richland-Lexington School District No. 5 by and through  
its Board of Trustees by and through Counsel to the  
Board of Trustees, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2016-000211

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Appeal From Richland County  
DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Circuit Court Judge

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**DISMISSED**

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J. Lewis Cromer, James Paul Porter, and Elizabeth Marie  
Bowen, all of Cromer Babb Porter & Hicks, LLC, of  
Columbia, for Appellant.

John Marshall Reagle, of Columbia, for Respondent,

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**PER CURIAM:** Kim Murphy appeals the circuit court's order affirming her removal from the Board of Trustees for Richland-Lexington School District No. 5 (the Board). We dismiss this appeal as moot pursuant to Rule 220(b) and the

following authorities: *Curtis v. State*, 345 S.C. 557, 567, 549 S.E.2d 591, 596 (2001) ("A case becomes moot when judgment, if rendered, will have no practical legal effect upon [the] existing controversy. This is true when some event occurs making it impossible for [the] reviewing [c]ourt to grant effectual relief." (quoting *Mathis v. S.C. State Highway Dep't*, 260 S.C. 344, 346, 195 S.E.2d 713, 715 (1973))); *Gantt v. Selph*, 423 S.C. 333, \_\_\_, 814 S.E.2d 523, 528 (2018) (affirming the circuit court's ruling that Murphy is not qualified to be a candidate for election to a Richland County seat on the Board because evidence in the record supported the finding she is a resident of Lexington County).

**DISMISSED.**<sup>1</sup>

**LOCKEMY, C.J., and WILLIAMS and KONDUROS, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.