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Maite Murphy, Circuit Court Judge

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ad litem for A.R.M., J.H.M., J.T.M.,  
C.B.M., J.R.M., and J.W.M.,

Appellants,

v.

Dorchester School District Two,  
South Carolina Department of Social  
Services, Michael Leach, and Jasmine  
Flemister.

Respondents,

**STATUS REPORT**

The Appellants have received a copy of the trial transcript from Ms. Spires. Ms. Carney was granted an extension by the South Carolina Court Administration and the transcript was due on December 1, 2020. Appellants have not received this part of the trial transcript from Ms. Carney.

The Appellants sent an email with attachments of the original August 18, 2020 request and the November 23, 2020 Status Report with attached Notice of extension to the South Carolina Court Administration and Ms. Desiree Allen, Court Reporter Manager on February 23, 2021. The Appellants asked Ms. Allen to advise them on when the transcript would be delivered. All opposing counsel were copied on the attached correspondence. See Exhibit 1.

Appellants will notify the Court when they receive Ms. Carney's transcript.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EXHIBIT 1

**Subject:** May v. Dorchester School District, Court of Appeals Filing 2020-001352  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 8:27:50 AM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Robert Butcher  
**To:** transcripts@sccourts.org, dallen@sccourts.org  
**CC:** Susan M. Fittipaldi, tbarlow@hmwlegal.com, William Davidson, II, Kenneth Woodington, Deborah Butcher, AudreyKoon, Nancy Bouknight  
**Attachments:** 009 - May v. Dorchester - Status Update[2].pdf, 003 - Email to Court Reporters with Request for Transcripts - 08-18-2020.pdf

Dear Ms. Allen:

On August 18, 2020 I requested the trial transcripts for this matter. See attached. On November 16, 2020 you filed an extension for the delivery of the transcript.

I have not received the transcript. Would you please advise the Court and the parties of the date of delivery for the transcript?

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** May v. Dorchester School District Two, et. al.

**Date:** Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 11:50:53 AM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** AudreyKoon

**To:** kspires@sccourts.org, kncarney@sccourts.org, transcripts@sccourts.org

**CC:** Robert Butcher, Deborah Butcher, Susan M. Fittipaldi, Kenneth Woodington

Ms. Spires and Ms. Carney:

Please find attached a transcript request for the trial on August 11 and 12, 2020 in regards to case number 2017-CP-18-02001. Would you please email a copy of the invoice so that we may pay it promptly?

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## Transcript Request Form

Pursuant to Rule 207 and 607 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, the transcribed paper copy is the official record of court proceedings. You may request a transcript by completing this form and emailing it to the Court Reporter [and](mailto:transcripts@sccourts.org) to South Carolina Court Administration at [transcripts@sccourts.org](mailto:transcripts@sccourts.org). Click [here](#) for instructions on how to find the court reporter's email and mailing addresses. Once the court reporter receives your request, it will be processed pursuant to Rule 207 and 607 of the SCACR. Rule 607(h) governs the fees for transcripts, which are not provided for free or at reduced rates to **any** party. Please send by mail a money order or certified bank check to the court reporter in order to obtain the transcript. Some court reporters may accept personal checks. Please check with the court reporter to see if this option is available. Once your request is received, you will receive a copy of this form with the bottom portion completed. Please promptly submit your payment in order for the transcript to be provided. If you need to cancel the transcript request for any reason, you are responsible for paying for the pages of the transcript that have already been completed at the time of the cancellation.

Requestor's Information			
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Transcript Information			
<b>Docket Number</b> 2017-CP-18-02001	<b>Case Caption</b> (i.e. State v. John Doe or Smith v. Smith) Kaci May, and Kaci May as guardian ad litem for A.R.M., J.H.M., J.T.M., C.B.M., J.R.M., and J.W.M. v. Dorchester School District Two, et al		
<b>Date(s) of Proceeding</b> 08/11/2020 and 08/12/2020	<b>Circuit</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Family</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>County</b> Dorchester	
<b>Presiding Judge</b> The Honorable Maite Murphy	<b>Expedited</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Court Reporter(s)</b> Krista Nicole Carney Katherine Spires	<b>Opposing Counsel</b> Kenneth P. Woddington Susan Fittipaldi		

**Requestor's Signature:** Robert Butcher  
*(Typed name will serve as signature)*

**Date:** 08/13/2020

**Note:** If you are ordering a transcript pursuant to Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR, you must contemporaneously furnish all parties, the Office of Court Administration, and the clerk of the appellate court with copies of all correspondence with the court reporter.

For Court Reporter Use Only			
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