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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Bentley D. Price, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2021-000827

Aretha Elizabeth Bennett,

Appellant,

v.

Theola Pitts and Colleton County School District,

Respondents.

**MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE INITIAL BRIEF AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON
APPEAL**

NOW COMES Respondents, by and through its undersigned counsel, and moves pursuant to SCACR Rule 240 for an extension of time for Respondents to file their Initial Brief and Designation of Matters to be Included in the Record on Appeal.

Appellant filed and served her Initial Brief on September 28, 2021, after requesting an extension of time. Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matters to be Included in the Record on Appeal are due October 28, 2021.

However, due to staffing issues and counsel's family medical issues, Respondents

are requesting an additional 30 days to file their Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal which would make their filing due on or before November 27, 2021.

Therefore, based upon the foregoing, Respondents respectfully request that they be allowed until November 27, 2021 to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record.

Dated this the 20th day of October, 2021.

s/Peden Brown McLeod, Jr.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served Respondents' *Motion to Extend Time to File Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal* on Aretha Elizabeth Bennett by sending a copy via electronic mail, on October 20, 2021 addressed to her attorney of record, William L. Pyatt, at pyattlawfirm@gmail.com and upon co-counsel for Defendant Theola Pitts at margie@brightmatthewslaw.com.

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