# IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT; PANTHER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT; THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANCASTER; GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT: WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT; SHENANDOAH VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT; JAMELLA AND BRYANT MILLER, parents of K.M., minor; SHEILA ARMSTRONG, parent of S.A., minor; TYESHA STRICKLAND, parent of E.T., minor; ANGEL MARTINEZ, parent of A.M., minor; BARBARA NEMETH, parent of C.M., minor; TRACEY HUGHES, parent of P.M.H., minor; PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL AND SMALL SCHOOLS; and THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE—PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONFERENCE,

Petitioners.

No. 587 MD 2014

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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; JOSEPH B. SCARNATI III, in his official capacity as President Pro-Tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate; SAMUEL H. SMITH, in his official capacity as the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; THOMAS W. CORBETT, in his official capacity as the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; and CAROLYN DUMARESQ, in her official capacity as the Acting Secretary of Education,

Respondents.

#### **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Notice is hereby given that William Penn School District; Panther Valley School District; the School District of Lancaster; Greater Johnstown School District; Wilkes-Barre Area School District; Shenandoah Valley School District; Jamella and Bryant Miller, parents of K.M., minor; Sheila Armstrong, parent of S.A., minor; Tyesha Strickland, parent of E.T., minor; Angel Martinez, parent of A.M., minor; Barbara Nemeth, parent of C.M., minor; Tracey Hughes, parent of P.M.H., minor; Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools; and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People–Pennsylvania State

Conference; Petitioners above named, hereby appeal to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from the order entered in this matter on the 21st day of April, 2015. This order has been entered in the docket as evidenced by the copy of the docket entry attached as Exhibit A.

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#### **Miscellaneous Docket Sheet**

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	Education			
	Corbett, Thomas W.		Respondent	
	Dumaresq, Carolyn		Respondent	
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	Per Curiam			
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April 21, 2015	PO Sus. Compl PR Dis			04/21/2015
•	Pellegrini, Dan			
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Panel Composition:

The Honorable Dan Pellegrini

The Honorable Bernard L. McGinley
The Honorable Robert E. Simpson
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The Honorable Mary Hannah Leavitt
Judge
The Honorable P. Kevin Brobson
Judge
The Honorable Patricia A. McCullough
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President Judge

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Disposition Author:

Pellegrini, Dan

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Disposition Date:

April 21, 2015

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The POs of the Respondents are sustained and Petitioners' PFR is dismissed.

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