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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO. <u>21 CVS 003915</u>

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PLAINTIFF, NEW HANOVER CO., C.S.C.

VS.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION;

NEW HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

**DEFENDANTS:** 

HERE COMES THE PLAINTIFF, David A. Perry, Pro Se, who, pursuant to NC Rules of Civil Procedure, G.S. 1A-1, Rule 16(a) and Local Rule 3.1, hereby requests that this Court formulate an expedited discovery schedule for quick disposition of this case. To that end, the Plaintiff swears to the following.

- 1. The Defendant, the New Hanover County Board of Education, submitted a responsive pleading in this case on December 15, 2021. The Defendant, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, has not, as of this date, filed a responsive pleading in this matter. The Plaintiff has filed a separate Motion to Compel the Clerk to Make an Entry of Default in regard to the Defendant, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office. Assuming this motion is granted, this case is ready to enter the discovery phase with the one remaining non-defaulted defendant.
- 2. Despite the many blanket denials contained in the Defendant, the New Hanover County Board of Education's Answer to Complaint, the Plaintiff firmly believes that there are

few (if any) material facts in this case that are disputed. This is a case of law and our state CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT MOTION FOR EXPEDITED DISCOVERY - 1 NEW HANOVER COUNTY

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and federal constitutions, and not one of disputed evidence. The intent of the Plaintiff in seeking an expedited discovery process is to: 1) Demonstrate that no material factual disputes exist; 2) Set the groundwork to file a motion for summary judgement, pursuant to NC Rules of Civil Procedure, G.S. 1A-1, Rule 56. It is not in the interest of justice or judicial economy to have a long and unnecessary discovery schedule. The Plaintiff seeks an expedited discovery schedule that is no longer than 30 days (to end on February 5, 2022).

- 3. The Plaintiff believes that the completion of the interrogatory process (pursuant to NC Rules of Civil Procedure, G.S. 1A-1, Rule 33) will greatly assist the parties and this Court in identifying the vast majority of undisputed material facts in this case, and the very few (if any) material facts that are in dispute. The Plaintiff suggests that interrogatories by each party be served on the other no later than January 14, 2022, and that the answers to those interrogatories be served back to the opposing party no later February 4, 2022.
- 4. The Defendant, the New Hanover County Board of Education, presented a number of other defenses in its <u>Answer to Complaint</u>, other than its official answer (Defense 3). With the goal of quick disposition of this case, the Plaintiff suggests that motions for these defenses (along with any briefs in support of them) be served upon the Plaintiff no later than January 14, 2022, and that the Plaintiff serve the Defendant with any replies to those motions no later than February 4, 2022.
- 5. The Plaintiff suggests that each party serve any other discovery requests upon the opposing party no later than January 14, 2022, and that such requests be fulfilled by the opposing party no later than February 4, 2021.

- 6. The Plaintiff suggests that if either party has any other type of evidence they wish to submit for the Court's consideration, that they submit that evidence to this Court no later than February 4, 2021.
- 7. The Plaintiff humbly requests that Judge Harrell be assigned to this case from this point forward. Judge Harrell is familiar with the case. Judge Harrell also ruled on the defendants' motions to dismiss back on November 2, 2021. By denying those motions, Judge Harrell, in essence, ruled that the Plaintiff did indeed state a claim upon which relief could be granted. However, Judge Harrell's Order of November 2, 2021 is silent on the specific legal theory upon which relief could be granted, and silent upon which elements the Plaintiff would need to prove in order to be entitled to relief. Therefore, Judge Harrell is the only Judge on this Court that knows what he was thinking and is the best Judge to handle this case moving forward.
- 8. Once this expedited discovery schedule is complete, and the Plaintiff files a motion for summary judgement (pursuant to NC Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 56) there still would be an opportunity for an additional discovery, if this Court (pursuant to NC Rules of Civil Procedure, G.S. 1A-1, Rule 56(d)) finds that there are material facts, which in good faith, remain controverted.

- 1. Order an expedited discovery schedule consistent with the Plaintiff's suggestions and desire for a quick resolution of this case.
- 2. Assign Judge Harrell to handle this case going forward.

3. Grant whatever other relief this Court finds just and equitable.

Dated this 21st day of December 2021.

David A. Perry, Pro Se

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the attached MOTION FOR EXPEDITED

**DISCOVERY** was served upon all Defendants in this case on this date, via USPS Priority Mail and electronic mail addressed to:

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Dated this 21st day of December 2021.

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