

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATHENS DIVISION**

MICHELLE MICKENS, <i>Plaintiff,</i>	)	CIVIL ACTION NO: 3:25-cv-00166-TES
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	)	
v.	)	Jury Trial Demanded
	)	
OGLETHORPE COUNTY SCHOOL)		
SYSTEM and SUPERINTENDENT)		
BEVERLY LEVINE, in her official)		
capacity,	)	
<i>Defendants.</i>	)	

JOINT MOTION TO STAY

COME NOW, Defendants Oglethorpe County School System and Beverly Levine (“Defendants”), and Plaintiff, and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(d) and the Local Rules of this Court, jointly move for an Order staying all procedural deadlines in this action through May 19, 2026, so that the Parties may participate in mediation. In support of this Motion, the Parties show the Court the following:

1. Plaintiff filed her Complaint on October 20, 2025.
2. Defendants filed their Answer on December 23, 2025.
3. Plaintiff served discovery requests on January 22, 2026, and granted Defendants an extension to respond while an initial settlement demand was prepared.

4. Counsel for the Parties have conferred and agreed to participate in mediation.

5. The Parties seek to mediate this matter without incurring the additional time and expense required to complete discovery and prepare dispositive motions.

6. A stay of all deadlines, including the time for completing discovery is therefore requested through May 19, 2026, to allow the Parties sufficient time to schedule, prepare for, and participate in mediation.

7. If mediation is unsuccessful, the parties will present a new scheduling order for the Court's consideration within five business days after the mediation.

8. Both Parties consent to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that this Court enter an Order staying all current deadlines through May 19, 2026, for the reasons set forth above.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of March, 2026.

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