

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CITIZENS FOR STRONG  
SCHOOLS, INC., *et al.*,  
*Petitioners,*

v.

FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, *et al.*,  
*Respondents,*

and

CELESTE JOHNSON, *et al.*,  
*Intervenors/Respondents.*

**Case No. SC18-67**  
L.T. Case No: 1D16-2862

**RESPONDENTS' AND INTERVENORS' UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO SERVE ANSWER BRIEFS**

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.300, Respondents and Intervenors jointly move for a 17-day extension of time in which to serve their Answer Briefs, up to and including July 19, 2018.

1. Petitioners served their Initial Brief on June 4, 2018. Under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.210(f) and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.514(b), as well as this Court's orders dated April 30 and May 8, 2018, Answer Briefs are currently due to be served on July 2, 2018.

2. This motion is being filed in good faith, and is not intended for the purpose of causing unnecessary delay in this case. For multiple reasons, counsel

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for Respondents and counsel for Intervenors seek an additional 17 days to prepare their Answer Briefs, up to and including July 19, 2018.

3. First, Petitioners in this case seek a declaration that Florida's education system violates Article IX, section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution. The case is accompanied by a substantial record developed over the course of years of litigation, including an exhaustive four-week bench trial at which more than 40 witnesses testified and over 5,300 exhibits were submitted. A 17-day extension will ensure that counsel have sufficient time to prepare Answer Briefs that will facilitate this Court's assessment of the important questions at issue in this case.

4. Second, two amicus briefs supporting Petitioners have been filed, and a motion for leave to file a third amicus brief supporting Petitioners is pending. A 17-day extension will also ensure that counsel have sufficient time to consider and respond as appropriate to the issues raised and arguments made by the amici curiae.

5. Third, counsel for Respondents and counsel for Intervenors are currently managing heavy caseloads involving pressing deadlines in various cases in state and federal court.

6. Finally, Respondents' undersigned counsel Jonathan Glogau will be retiring at the end of June, and another attorney from the Office of the Attorney General will be substituted in his place. A 17-day extension will ensure that the

new attorney will have sufficient time to assist with preparing Respondents' Answer Brief.

7. The undersigned have conferred with counsel for Petitioners and are authorized to represent that Petitioners do not oppose this request for an extension of time.

**WHEREFORE**, Respondents and Intervenors request a 17-day extension, up to and including July 19, 2018, in which to serve their Answer Briefs.

Respectfully submitted June 18, 2018.

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