

CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-11-003130

THE TEXAS TAXPAYER & STUDENT	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FAIRNESS COALITION, et al.;	§	
CALHOUN COUNTY ISD, et al.;	§	
EDGEWOOD ISD, et al.;	§	
FORT BEND ISD, et al.;	§	
TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOL	§	
ASSOCIATION, et al.,	§	
	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
JOYCE COLEMAN, et al.,	§	
	§	
Intervenors,	§	
	§	200th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
vs.	§	
	§	
MICHAEL WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER	§	
OF EDUCATION, IN HIS OFFICIAL	§	
CAPACITY; SUSAN COMBS,	§	
TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC	§	
ACCOUNTS, IN HER OFFICIAL	§	
CAPACITY; THE TEXAS STATE BOARD	§	
OF EDUCATION; THE TEXAS	§	
EDUCATION AGENCY,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendants Michael Williams, in his official capacity as Commissioner of Education; Susan Combs, in her official capacity as Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; the Texas State Board of Education; and the Texas Education Agency give notice that they desire to appeal the final judgment signed by the Court on August 28, 2014, in this cause. This appeal is a direct appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 22.001(c); TEX. R. APP. P. 57.

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