

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

EQUALITY FLORIDA, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No.: 4:22-cv-134-AW-MJF

FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, et al.,

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**DEFENDANT SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA'S
RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO LIFT STAY
OF DISCOVERY AND JOINDER IN STATE DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE**

Defendant, School Board of Manatee County, Florida, (“Defendant”) by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files its Response in Opposition to Plaintiffs’ Motion to Lift Stay of Discovery and Joinder in State Defendants’ Response. In support, Defendant states as follows:

Defendant opposes lifting the stay of discovery until the Court rules on the pending motions to dismiss. Defendant further joins in and adopts the State Defendants’ response in opposition to Plaintiffs’ motion. There is no reason specific to the School Board of Manatee County, Florida stated in the Plaintiffs’ motion (Dkt. 113), and the Plaintiffs’ motion fails to allege new facts sufficient to lift the stay.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of September, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was filed with the Court using the CM/ECF electronic filing system on this 26th day of September, 2022, which will send electronic notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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