

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

M.A., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

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

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

Defendants.

STATE DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF CROSS-APPEAL

To preserve their ability to press alternative grounds to affirm (including grounds that might result in dismissal with prejudice), Florida Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz, the Florida Department of Education, the Florida Board of Education, and members of the Florida Board of Education Thomas R. Grady, Ben Gibson, Monesia Brown, Esther Byrd, Grazie P. Christie, Ryan Petty, and Joe York cross-appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit the orders and judgment of this Court dismissing Plaintiffs' complaints without prejudice (ECF Nos. 120, 158, 159).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 28th day of March, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed with the Court's CM/ECF system, which will provide service to all parties.

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