

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

MID VERMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, on behalf of itself and its students and its students' parents; **ABEL GOODWIN; M.G.**, by and through her parents and natural guardians, Christopher and Bethany Goodwin; **CHRISTOPHER GOODWIN**, individually; **BETHANY GOODWIN**, individually; **O.P.**, by and through his father and natural guardian, Nathan Partington; and **NATHAN PARTINGTON**, individually,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ZOIE SAUNDERS, in her official capacity as Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Education and in her individual capacity; **JENNIFER DECK SAMUELSON**, in her official capacity as Chair of the Vermont State Board of Education and in her individual capacity; and **WAITS RIVER VALLEY (UNIFIED #36 ELEMENTARY) SCHOOL BOARD**,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-cv-00652

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(a)(1) and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 3, Plaintiffs Mid Vermont Christian School, O.P., and Nathan Partington, hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from the Order on Motion for Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 143) entered on May 12, 2026, denying Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of May, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 20, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of Court and all counsel of record will be served via the Court's CM/ECF system.

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