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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF WYOMING, COUNTY OF LARAMIE

WYOMING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, a Wyoming Nonprofit Membership Corporation; JENY GARDNER on behalf of herself and her Minor child; CHRISTINA HUTCHISON on Behalf of herself and her minor children; KATHRYNE PENNOCK III on behalf of herself and her minor children; KATHARINE AND ZACHARY SCHNEIDER on behalf of themselves and their minor children; CHAD SHARPE AND KIMBERLY LUDWIG-SHARPE on behalf of themselves and their minor child; and CHRISTINA VICKERS AND BRANDON VICKERS on behalf of themselves and their minor children,	Civil Action No: 2025-CV-0203366
Plaintiffs,	
V.	
MEGAN DEGENFELDER, in her official capacity as Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction; CURTIS E. MEIER, JR, in his official capacity as Wyoming State Treasurer; and STATE OF WYOMING,	
Defendants,	
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NICOLETTE and TRAVIS LECK, and VICTORIA HAIGHT,

Intervenor-Defendants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder, Treasurer Curtis E. Meier, Jr., and the State of Wyoming give notice of their appeal under Rule 2.01 of the Wyoming Rules of Appellate Procedure. They represent the following in accordance with Rule 2.07:

• The appealing parties are Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder, Treasurer Curtis E. Meier, Jr., and the State of Wyoming (State Defendants).

• The State Defendants appeal the District Court for the First Judicial District's *Order Granting Preliminary Injunction* in case number 2025-CV-0203366 entered on July 15, 2025. This order is an appealable order according to Rule 1.05(e)(1).

• The State Defendants appeal to the Wyoming Supreme Court.

• Counsel for the State Defendants certifies that he has ordered a transcript of the June 27, 2025, hearing on this matter and arranged for satisfactory payment to the court reporter. Wyo. R. App. P. 2.05(a). This notice of appeal serves as notice to all other parties that State Defendants intend to include the entire transcript from that hearing in the record. Wyo. R. App. P. 3.02(b).

- Intervenor-Defendants are aligned with the State Defendants.
- The State Defendants list the following pleading and other court papers as the appendix required by Wyo. R. App. P. 2.07(b):
 - 1. Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, filed on June 13, 2025.
 - Order Granting Proposed Intervenor-Defendants' Motion to Intervene, filed on July 9, 2025.
 - 3. Order Granting Preliminary Injunction, filed on July 15, 2025.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 17th day of July, 2025, the foregoing was served on the following using the indicated methods:

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