

CAUSE NO. DC-25-04027

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

DR. BRAD HUNT, in his official capacity
as Superintendent of Coppell Independent
School District, EVAN WHITFIELD, in his
official capacity as Direct of Curriculum
and Instruction, DAVID CAVINESS, in his
official capacity as Board Fifth and
President and Trustee for the Coppell
Independent School District, NICHOLE
BENTLEY, in her official capacity as
Board Sixth and Vice President and
Trustee for the Copell Independent School
District, JOBBY MATHEW, in his official
capacity as Board Seventh and Secretary
and Trustee for the Coppell Independent
School District, LEIGH WALKER, in her
official capacity as Board First and Trustee
for the Coppell Independent School
District, MANISH SETHI, in his official
capacity as Board Second and Trustee for
the Coppell Independent School District,
ANTHONY HILL, in his official capacity
as Board Third and Trustee for the Coppell
Independent School District, RANNA
RAVAL, in her official capacity as Board
Fourth and trustee for the Coppell
Independent School District,

Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

191st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANTS' ORIGINAL ANSWER

Defendants, Dr. Brad Hunt, in his official capacity as Superintendent of Coppell Independent School District, Evan Whitfield, in his official capacity as Direct of Curriculum and Instruction, David Caviness, in his official capacity as Board Fifth and President and Trustee for the Coppell Independent School District, Nichole Bentley, in her official capacity as Board Sixth

and Vice President and Trustee for the Coppell Independent School District, Jobby Mathew, in his official capacity as Board Seventh and Secretary and Trustee for the Coppell Independent School District, Leigh Walker, in her official capacity as Board First and Trustee for the Coppell Independent School District, Manish Sethi, in his official capacity as Board Second and Trustee for the Coppell Independent School District, Anthony Hill, in his official capacity as Board Third and Trustee for the Coppell Independent School District, Ranna Raval, in her official capacity as Board Fourth and trustee for the Coppell Independent School District, (collectively, “Defendants”) file the following original answer to Plaintiff’s Original Petition and Request for a Temporary Restraining Order, Temporary Injunction, and Permanent Injunction (“Plaintiff’s Original Petition”).

I. GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 92, Defendants generally deny the allegations in Plaintiff’s Original Petition.

II. PRAYER

For these reasons, Defendants ask the Court to dismiss Plaintiff’s claims with prejudice, render judgment that Plaintiff takes nothing, assess costs against Plaintiff, and award Defendants all other relief to which they are justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 25, 2025, a true and correct copy of Defendants' Original Answer has been served on all counsel of record via the Court's e-filing system.

*/s/ Charles J. Crawford*_____

Charles J. Crawford

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