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### **PAGE Sues Dublin City Schools and Dublin City Board of Education for Breach of Contract**

**ATLANTA – Oct. 23, 2025** – On behalf of teacher Ashley White, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) has filed a breach of contract lawsuit against Dublin City Schools and the Dublin City Board of Education for the termination of Ms. White’s employment.

The complaint, filed Oct. 21, 2025, in the Superior Court of Laurens County, seeks declaratory relief and a mandamus asking that the court declare that the Board of Education has no authority to unilaterally terminate White’s contract and requiring that the Board reinstate White to her position for the entirety of the 2025-2026 school year. The complaint specifies that, as a charter system, Dublin City Schools has a blanket waiver exempting them from most of the provisions of Title 20 including the Fair Dismissal Act (FDA). Therefore, the district does not have authority under the FDA to terminate employee contracts.

“Though Dublin City Schools is seeking to address an extreme budget shortfall, it is essential that no action be taken that violates the legal rights of its staff,” said PAGE Executive Director Craig Harper. “As the termination of Ms. White’s employment prior to the end of her contract term is a violation of her legal rights, PAGE has taken this action on her behalf.”

Ellen Schoolar of Savannah is a PAGE Network attorney representing White in this action.

“PAGE Legal is diligently working to protect the rights of all our Dublin City members during this difficult and uncertain time,” said PAGE General Counsel Jill Hay. “It is unfortunate that the district is in this position and that the students and staff are the ones suffering the consequences.”

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