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**Via Overnight Delivery**

Danny Bickell  
Deputy Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Kenosha Unified Sch. Dist. No. 1 Bd. of Educ., et al. v. Ashton Whitaker, by his mother and next friend, Melissa Whitaker*, No. 17-301

Dear Mr. Bickell:

I am counsel for Respondent in the above-referenced case. On August 28, 2017, a certiorari petition was docketed in this case. Pursuant to this Court's November 9, 2017 letter granting Respondent's previous extension request, any response by Respondent is due on December 27, 2017. I respectfully request a further 30-day extension of that time, up to and including January 26, 2018, for the following reasons pursuant to Rule 30.4.

Respondent has previously requested and obtained extensions of time to respond to the certiorari petition after the District Court in the underlying case ordered the case to mediation. Pursuant to that order, the parties participated in mediation sessions on October 31, 2017 and November 21, 2017. At this time, the parties are in advanced settlement negotiations and expect a final resolution of this case in the near future. Accordingly, Respondent seeks this additional extension of time to enable the parties to continue their efforts to resolve this case. Petitioner's counsel has been consulted and consents to this request.

For these reasons, I ask that a 30-day extension be granted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sasha Samberg-Champion  
*Counsel for Respondent*

cc: Ronald S. Stadler, Counsel for Petitioner