

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division

ZENAIDA PEREZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

FAIRFAX COUNTY
SCHOOL BOARD, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-02126-AJT-IDD

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that Zenaida Perez, Plaintiff above-named, hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit the Order entered in this action on the 8th day of May, 2026.

The notice of appeal is limited to the portion of the Order that entered judgment against Plaintiff on the following counts:

1. Count II: Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act, Va. Code Ann. §§ 2.2-3009 to -3014;
2. Count IV: Right to Free Speech/Retaliation, Va. Const. art. I, § 12; and
3. Count V: Right to Free Speech/Retaliation, U.S. Const. amend. I and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

Plaintiff does not appeal the remaining portion of the Order, which grants the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim on Count I: Retaliation in Violation of the Virginia

Whistleblower Protection Law, Va. Code Ann. § 40.1-27.3—and Count III—defamation *per se*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 5, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been provided by electronic notification through the CM/ECF System, which automatically sends notice to the parties to this litigation:

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