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RE: HF No. 23G, 2025/26 – Dr. Pandi Pittman v. Newell School District

Greetings:

This letter addresses Respondent's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction. Petitioner was given until May 22, 2026, to submit resistance to the Motion. No resistance was submitted. SDCL § 3-18-15.5 provides,

The provisions of § 3-18-15.1 do not apply to employees of political subdivisions unless those employees are members of a public employee union or the governing body of a political subdivision has adopted an ordinance or resolution establishing a grievance procedure for all employees of the political subdivision.

The Department, having reviewed Respondent's Motion, finds that Petitioner is not a member of the District's bargaining unit. As the District has not adopted a single grievance procedure for all employees, she is also not subject to such a procedure. Therefore, the Department does not have subject matter jurisdiction over Petitioner.

HF # 23G, 2025/26 is hereby DISMISSED. The parties shall consider this letter to be the Order of the Department.

Sincerely,



Michelle M. Faw
Administrative Law Judge