

**IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

William Penn School District;	:	
Panther Valley School District;	:	
The School District of Lancaster;	:	
Greater Johnstown School District;	:	
Wilkes-Barre Area School District;	:	
Shenandoah Valley School District;	:	
Jamella and Bryant Miller, parents of	:	
K.M., a minor; Sheila Armstrong,	:	
parent of S.A., minor; Tracey Hughes,	:	
parent of P.M.H., minor; Pennsylvania	:	
Association of Rural and Small Schools;	:	
and The National Association for the	:	
Advancement of Colored	:	
People-Pennsylvania State Conference,	:	
Petitioners	:	
	:	
v.	:	No. 587 M.D. 2014
	:	
Pennsylvania Department of Education;	:	
Jake Corman, in his official capacity as	:	
President Pro-Tempore of the	:	
Pennsylvania Senate; Bryan Cutler,	:	
in his official capacity as the	:	
Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of	:	
Representatives; Tom W. Wolf,	:	
in his official capacity as the Governor	:	
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;	:	
Pennsylvania State Board of Education;	:	
and Noe Ortega, in his official	:	
capacity as the Secretary of	:	
Education,	:	
Respondents	:	

**ORDER**

**NOW**, February 22, 2022, per the discussion with counsel held on the record on February 17, 2022, the following schedule is set following the close of evidence.

1. **Closing Arguments.** The Court shall hear closing arguments on March 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 3002 of the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, Harrisburg,<sup>1</sup> at which time the evidentiary record will be closed unless any of the parties request the need to present additional evidence based upon any of the Court's evidentiary rulings in advance.

2. **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.** The parties' proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be filed no later than April 22, 2022.

3. **Amicus.** Any potential amicus briefs shall be filed no later than May 6, 2022.

4. **Briefing.** Petitioners' principal brief on the legal issues shall be filed no later than May 23, 2022, followed by Respondents' briefs no later than June 22, 2022. Petitioners may file a reply brief no later than July 6, 2022.

5. **Oral Argument.** The Court will schedule oral argument on the legal issues on a time and date to be determined.

  
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RENÉE COHN JUBELIRER, President Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Closing arguments will be available to watch via a public livestream web link posted on the Court's website.