# **EXHIBIT A**

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

| STATE EX REL. WOODRIDGE | ) | Case No.                    |
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| LOCAL SCHOOLS, et al.,  | ) |                             |
|                         | ) | Judge                       |
| Plaintiffs,             | ) | _                           |
|                         | ) |                             |
| <b>v.</b>               | ) |                             |
|                         | ) | DEFENDANT FACEBOOK PAYMENTS |
| FACEBOOK PAYMENTS INC., | ) | INC.'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL    |
|                         | ) |                             |
| Defendant.              | ) |                             |

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446, Defendant Facebook Payments Inc. ("Facebook Payments") hereby removes this action bearing civil action number CV-2019-04-1369, from the Court of Common Pleas for Summit County, Ohio to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), Defendant states as follows:

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. <u>State Court Action.</u> On April 9, 2019, an action was commenced in the Court of Common Pleas for Summit County, Ohio, captioned *State ex rel. Woodridge Local Schools et al. v. Facebook Payment Inc.*, Case No. CV-2019-04-1369. Copies of the Complaint and Summons with which Facebook Payments has been served are attached as Exhibit A. A copy of the Common Pleas Docket is attached as Exhibit B.
- 2. <u>Timeliness.</u> Facebook Payments was served with the Complaint on April 11, 2019. Therefore, removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

- 3. <u>Diversity.</u> There is complete diversity of citizenship in this case because Plaintiffs are all citizens of Ohio and Facebook Payments is a citizen of Florida and California. A corporation is "a citizen of every State . . . by which it has been incorporated and of the State...where it has its principal place of business." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1). Facebook Payments is incorporated in Florida and its principal place of business is in California. Therefore, there is complete diversity between Plaintiffs and Facebook Payments.
- 4. <u>Amount in Controversy.</u> Plaintiffs allege actual damages in an amount exceeding \$200,000 for their first claim and in an amount exceeding \$150,000 for their second claim. Plaintiffs also seek punitive damages and attorneys' fees. Accordingly, this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, making removal proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b).
- 5. <u>Venue.</u> Plaintiffs brought this action in the Court of Common Pleas for Summit County, Ohio, and under 28 U.S.C. §§ 115(a)(1) and 1446(a), venue is proper in this Court.
- 6. <u>Notice of Filing.</u> As required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal will promptly be served on Plaintiff, and a copy will be filed with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Summit County, Ohio.
- 7. <u>Non-Waiver of Defenses.</u> Nothing in this Notice of Removal shall be interpreted as a waiver or relinquishment of Facebook Payments' right to assert any defense. Facebook Payments reserves the right to assert all applicable claims and defenses, including jurisdictional and venue defenses, in response to the Complaint.

#### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, Defendant Facebook Payments Inc. hereby removes this action from the Court of Common Pleas for Summit County, Ohio, to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446.

Dated: May 9, 2019 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kip T. Bollin

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the foregoing *Notice of Removal* has been served by electronic mail pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 4(e)(1) and Ohio Civ.R. 5(B)(2)(f), this 9th day of May, 2019, upon:

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### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

CASE NUMBER:

CV-2019-04-1369

WOODRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS 4411 Quick Road Peninsula, OH, 44264

-VS-

SUMMONS

FACEBOOK PAYMENT INC. 50 W BROAD ST STE1800 c/o CSC - Lawyers Incorporated Service Columbus, OH 43215

## TO the following:

FACEBOOK PAYMENT INC. 50 W BROAD ST STE1800 c/o CSC - Lawyers Incorporated Service Columbus, OH 43215

You have been named as a defendant(s) in a complaint filed in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Summit County Courthouse, 205 S. High St., Akron, Ohio, 44308.

A copy of the COMPLAINT is attached hereto. The name and address of the Plaintiff's attorney is:

ELLEN MAGLICIC KRAMER 3208 Clinton Avenue Cleveland, OH

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the attorney listed above, or upon the party if they have no attorney of record, a copy of an answer to the COMPLAINT within twenty-eight (28) days after service of this summon on you, exclusive of the day of service. Your answer must be filed with the Court within three days after the service of a copy of the answer on the attorney, or upon the party, if there is no attorney of record.

If you fail to appear and defend, judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the COMPLAINT.

Sandra Kurt Summit County Clerk of Courts

April 10, 2019

# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

| WOODRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS 4411 Quick Road Peninsula, Ohio 44264                            | ) CASE NO.<br>) .                                                                  |
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| and                                                                                      | )                                                                                  |
| CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY<br>SCHOOL DISTRICT<br>431 Stow Avenue<br>Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221    | )<br>)<br>)<br>)                                                                   |
| and                                                                                      | )                                                                                  |
| CITY OF DAYTON PUBLIC<br>SCHOOLS<br>115 S. Ludlow Street<br>Dayton, OH 45402             | ) ) COMPLAINT FOR RECOVERY ) OF FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS UNDER O.R.C. §§ 1336.04(A)(2) |
| and                                                                                      | ) <u>AND 1336.05(A)</u>                                                            |
| LOGAN HOCKING LOCAL<br>SCHOOL DISTRICT<br>2019 East Front Street<br>Logan, OH 43138      | ) ) ) <u>JURY DEMAND ENDORSED</u> ) <u>HEREON</u>                                  |
| and                                                                                      | )                                                                                  |
| SPRINGFIELD CITY SCHOOL<br>DISTRICT<br>1500 W. Jefferson Street<br>Springfield, OH 45506 | )<br>)<br>)<br>)                                                                   |
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For their Complaint against Defendant Facebook Payment Inc., Plaintiffs
Woodridge Local Schools, Cuyahoga Falls City School District, City of Dayton Public
Schools, Logan Hocking Local School District, Springfield City School District, Lake
Local School District (Wood County), Toledo City School District and Northern Local
School District (collectively, the "School Districts") hereby allege and state as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs Woodridge Local Schools and Cuyahoga Falls City School District are public school districts located in Summit County, Ohio.
- 2. Plaintiff City of Dayton Public Schools is a public school district located in Montgomery County, Ohio.
- 3. Plaintiff Logan Hocking Local School district is a public school district located in Hocking County, Ohio.
- 4. Plaintiff Springfield City School District is a public school district located in Clark County, Ohio.
- 5. Plaintiff Lake Local School District is a public school district located in Wood County, Ohio.
- 6. Plaintiff City of Toledo School District is a public school district located in Lucas County, Ohio.
- 7. Plaintiff Northern Local School District is a public school district located in Perry County, Ohio.
- 8. Defendant Facebook Payment Inc. is a Florida corporation which does business in Ohio.
- 9. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to O.R.C. §§ 2305.01 and 2307.382.
- 10. Venue is proper in Summit County pursuant to Ohio Rule of Civil Procedure 3(B)(3) and (6).
- 11. This is an action for avoidance of transfers under the fraudulent transfer statutes of Ohio. Defendant Facebook received more than \$200,000 in payments from a

- community school at the same time the school was experiencing several financial problems. Not only did Facebook did not provide reasonably equivalent value in exchange for these payments, it knew about the significant problems the community school was facing at the time it accepted the payments.
- 12. A "community school" is a school created by a contract between a "governing authority and a supervisory entity known as a "sponsor" and is commonly referred to in Ohio as a charter school. O.R.C. Chapter 3314.
- 13. The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow ("ECOT") was an Ohio community school which operated from 2000 until its operations were suspended in January 2018.
- 14. ECOT was a kindergarten through 12th grade community school which functioned fully online. ECOT had students in all of Ohio's 88 counties.
- 15. Ohio's community schools are funded with two types of public monies: a) State operating funds; and b) Federal grant funds.
- 16. The state operating funds which community schools receive are transferred from the traditional school districts where the community schools' students reside.
- 17. Every dollar of state funding which ECOT received came from other Ohio School Districts, including the Plaintiffs.
- 18. ECOT received a set amount of state operating funds for each 920 hours of instruction in which its students participate. Each unit of 920 hours is known as a "full time equivalency," or FTE. A community school obtains those funds by

- submitting monthly enrollment reports to the Ohio Department of Education ("ODE").
- 19. ODE periodically reviewed ECOT's records in order to document ECOT's entitlement to the amount of state operating funds transferred to ECOT. This review process is referred to as an FTE review.
- 20. In 2016 ODE conducted an FTE review of ECOT for the 2015-2016 school year, and determined that ECOT could not document any basis for 58.8% of the payments ECOT had requested and received from ODE pursuant to O.R.C. § 3314.08. ODE determined that ECOT must return those funds.
- 21. ODE also conducted a FTE Review of ECOT for the 2016-17 school year and determined that ECOT could not document any basis for 18.5% of the payments it had requested and received from ODE pursuant to O.R.C. § 3314.08. ODE determined that ECOT must return those funds.
- 22. ECOT appealed ODE's 2015-16 and 2016-17 FTE reviews. These appeals were exhaustively litigated.
- 23. On May 10, 2017 a state hearing officer issued a report and recommendation concluding that ECOT was unable to document bases for between \$60,054,630 and \$64,054,630 of state funds it had received in 2015-16.
- 24. The State Board of Education subsequently determined that ECOT must return \$60,350,791 of the state operating funds ECOT had received during the 2015-16 school year. *See* Exh. 1, attached hereto.

- 25. In January of 2018 a state hearing officer issued a report and recommendation concluding that ECOT was unable to document bases for between \$19,295,957.70 of state funds it had received in 2016-17.
- 26. The State Board of Education subsequently determined that ECOT must return \$19,234,109.11 of the state operating funds ECOT received during the 2016-17 school year. *See* Exh. 2, attached hereto.
- 27. ODE began enforcing the State Board of Education's findings against ECOT in July of 2017 by reducing state operating funds otherwise payable to ECOT and ECOT began experiencing financial difficulties.
- ECOT's monthly state funding was reduced by approximately \$2.5 million starting in July of 2017.
- 29. ECOT's state sponsor, the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, suspended ECOT's operations pursuant to O.R.C. § 3314.072, effective January 19, 2018.
- 30. On January 11, 2018, ECOT's sponsor filed an action for appointment of a receiver to protect ECOT's assets. In response to this motion a special master was appointed for ECOT on January 24, 2018.
- 31. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, ECOT's liabilities far exceeded its assets.
- 32. Between 2012 and ECOT's January of 2018 suspension of operations, \$1,484,453 in monies that otherwise should have gone to the Logan Hocking Schools were sent to ECOT.

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- 33. Between 2012 and ECOT's January of 2018 suspension of operations, more than \$20,000,000 in monies that otherwise should have gone to the Dayton Public Schools were sent to ECOT.
- 34. Between 2012 and ECOT's January of 2018 suspension of operations, more than \$3,655,897.98 in monies that otherwise should have gone to the Springfield Public Schools were sent to ECOT.
- 35. Between 2004 and ECOT's January of 2018 suspension of operations, more than \$440,000 in monies that otherwise should have gone to the Lake Local Schools were sent to ECOT.
- 36. Between 2012 and ECOT's January of 2018 suspension of operations, more than \$9,123,797.36 in monies that otherwise should have gone to the Toledo Public Schools were sent to ECOT.
- 37. Between 2002 and ECOT's January of 2018 suspension of operations, more than \$3,367,668 in monies that otherwise should have gone to the Northern Local Schools were sent to ECOT.
- 38. Cuyahoga Falls City Schools also lost money from state operating funds that were sent to ECOT instead.
- 39. Between 2003 and ECOT's January of 2018 suspension of operations, more than \$660,557.04 in monies that otherwise should have gone to the Woodridge Local Schools were sent to ECOT instead.
- 40. O.R.C. § 3314.074(A) governs the distributions of assets of a closed community school and provides that the assets be distributed first to retirement funds to

employees of the school, then to school employees, then to private creditors, and then to ODE for "redistribution to school districts in which the students who were enrolled in the school at the time it ceased operation were entitled to attend school" in an amount proportional to the district's share of the total enrollment in the community school.

- 41. This action is brought in order to have ODE redistribute monies, pursuant to O.R.C. § 3314.074(A), to school districts which had students enrolled in ECOT at the time it closed, including the Plaintiffs.
- 42. This is an action for avoidance of payments made to Facebook Payment Inc. pursuant to the fraudulent transfer statutes of Ohio.
- 43. In 2016 Facebook was paid at least \$92,903.61 by ECOT.
- 44. In 2017 Facebook was paid at least \$150,000 by ECOT.
- 45. In making these payments to Facebook, ECOT transferred an interest in its property in return for which it did not receive reasonably equivalent value. At the time that these payments to Facebook were made, ECOT was insolvent.

  Consequently, Plaintiffs seek avoidance of the payments made to Facebook in 2016 and 2017.
- 46. Absent relief from this Court, the Plaintiffs will be unable to recover monies owed.
- 47. On March 28, 2019, the Plaintiffs verbally asked the Attorney General to pursue these claims, and the Attorney General's office requested that the Plaintiff make this request in writing. On March 29, 2019, the Plaintiffs complied with this

- request and made a written request to the Attorney General that these fraudulent transfer claims be pursued.
- 48. The Attorney General has not pursued any fraudulent transfer claims against Facebook.

# COUNT ONE (FRAUDULENT TRANSFER UNDER O.R.C. § 1336.04(A)(2))

- 49. The Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the contents of all preceding paragraphs in this Complaint.
- 50. The transfers to Facebook described above were made without receiving a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the transfer.
- 51. In making the transfers to Facebook ECOT was engaged in business or transactions for which its remaining assets were unreasonably small in relation to the business or transaction or ECOT believed or reasonably should have believed that it would incur debts beyond its ability to pay as they became due.
- 52. The transfers to Facebook were fraudulent under O.R.C. § 1336.04(A)(2).
- 53. As a direct and proximate result of these fraudulent transfers, pursuant to O.R.C. § 3314.074, ODE, and therefore the Plaintiffs, have been damaged in an amount exceeding \$200,000 and are entitled to a judgment against Facebook in that amount, and any other relief that the circumstances may require.
- 54. The fraudulent transfers to Facebook were willful, malicious, and done in conscious disregard of the rights of public school districts in Ohio, making an award of punitive damages against Facebook appropriate.

# COUNT TWO (FRAUDULENT TRANSFER UNDER O.R.C. § 1336.05(A))

- 55. The Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the contents of all preceding paragraphs in this Complaint.
- 56. Plaintiffs' claims arose before the transfers to Facebook described above.
- 57. ECOT made the transfers to Facebook described above without receiving a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the transfer.
- 58. ECOT was insolvent at the time of the transfers to Facebook described above.
- 59. The transfers to Facebook were fraudulent pursuant to O.R.C. § 1336.05(A).
- 60. As a direct and proximate result of these fraudulent transfers, pursuant to O.R.C. § 3314.074, ODE, and therefore the Plaintiffs, have been damaged in an amount exceeding \$150,000 and are entitled to a judgment against Facebook in that amount and any other relief that the circumstances may require.
- 61. The fraudulent transfers to Facebook were willful, malicious, and done in conscious disregard of the rights of public school districts, making an award of punitive damages appropriate.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs, on behalf of ODE and pursuant to O.R.C. § 3314.074, respectfully request the following relief:

- A. An award of compensatory damages against Facebook in an amount to be determined at trial;
- B. An award of punitive damages against Facebook in an amount to be determined at trial;

- C. Avoidance of the transfers to the extent necessary to satisfy the judgment;
- D. Post-judgment interest at the statutory rate;
- E. Attorney's fees and costs; and
- F. Any other relief the Court determines the circumstances require.

Respectfully submitted,
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## **JURY DEMAND**

The Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury of all eligible claims and issues.

/s/Ellen M. Kramer
Ellen M. Kramer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education hereby denies the student's right to participate in the program as a result of the student's failure to notify the district of her intention to participate by April 3, 2017, finding that the delay should prevent the student from participating, and that questions concerning the student's prospective participation in college credit plus program based upon failure to comply with the April 3, 2017 deadline should be resolved in favor of the school district; and Be It

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify the principal of North Royalton High School, and the student of this action.

It was Moved by Ms. Fowler and Seconded by Mrs. McGuire that the above recommendation (Item 4) be approved.

President Elshoff called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Pat Bruns Joe Farmer Sarah Fowler Nancy Hollister Laura Kohler Charlotte McGuire

Kara Morgan Lisa Woods Stephanie Dodd Cathye Flory Linda Haycock Meryl Johnson Martha Manchester Antoinette Miranda

Eric Poklar

NO VOTES

Nick Owens

Tess Elshoff

ABSTAIN

Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings

Motion carried.

President Elshoff presented the following recommendation (Item 5):

5. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER IN ELECTRONIC CLASSROOM OF TOMORROW'S APPEAL PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 3314.08(K)(2).

TRECOMMEND that the State Board of Education ADOPT the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 3314.08(H) of the Ohio Revised Code sets forth a process for the Department to review the full-time equivalent (FTE) student funding that a community school has claimed and received for a given academic year; and

EXHIBIT 1

Section 3314.08(K) provides that the Department shall complete such an FTE review of a community school and issue its findings within ninety days of the end of the community school's fiscal year; and

Section 3314.08(K)(2) provides that if the Department determined that an overpayment was made to the community school, the community school may appeal the Department's FTE determination; and

On September 26, 2016, the Department issued its FTE determination to Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow ("ECOT") finding that overpayment was made to ECOT for the 2015-2016 school year: and

Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) timely appealed the Department's FTE determination on October 11, 2016; and

The matter was referred to a hearing officer on October 18, 2016 for an informal hearing; and

The informal hearing occurred on December 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 23, 2016 and January 12 and 19, 2017 and February 1, 2017; and

The hearing officer heard testimony and received exhibits introduced during the hearing; and

The hearing officer issued his decision on May 10, 2017 based on the testimony and exhibits introduced at the hearing; and

ECOT timely submitted objections to the hearing officer's decision on May 22, 2017; and

ECOT timely submitted an executive summary of its objections on May 30, 2017; and

The Department timely responded to ECOT's objections on May 30, 2017; and

The State Board of Education has reviewed the hearing officer's decision, the objections submitted by ECOT, and the Department's response to ECOT's objections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education, based on its review of the hearing officer's decision and ECOT's objections thereto, hereby accepts the hearing officer's decision and finds that ECOT received an overpayment of \$64,054,630 and directs the Department to take such measures as are necessary to collect the overpayment from ECOT; and Be It

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify ECOT and its sponsor the Educational Service Center of Lake Eric West of this resolution.

It was Moved by Mrs. Flory and Seconded by Mrs. Kohler that the above recommendation (Item 5) be approved.

Representative Brenner asked why the higher of the two amounts was brought forth. Mrs. Flory responded that she felt the children and taxpayers were cheated and ECOT should pay the amount back.

Ms. Johnson stated that she was under the impression the lesser amount was given after additional information was presented.

Dr. Morgan called the question.

Ms. Fowler Moved to amend the resolution by Substitution. She Moved to change the overpayment amount to 60,350,791. Mrs. Haycock Seconded the motion. Ms. Fowler stated this is the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that she read and supported.

President Elshoff called for a roll call vote on the proposed amendment.

#### YES VOTES

Joe Farmer Sarah Fowler
Linda Haycock Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler Martha Manchester
Charlotte McGuire Antoinette Miranda
Kara Morgan Nick Owens

Eric Poklar Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings

Lisa Woods Tess Elshoff

NO VOTES

Pat Bruns Stephanie Dodd Cathye Flory Naney Hollister

Motion carried.

President Elshoff called for a roll call vote on the resolution as amended.

#### YES VOTES

Joe Farmer Stephanie Dodd Sarah Fowler Cathye Flory Nancy Hollister Linda Haycock Laura Kohler Meryl Johnson Martha Manchester Charlotte McGuire Antoinette Miranda Kara Morgan Nick Owens Eric Poklar Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings Tess.Elshoff

NO VOTES

Pat Bruns

ABSTAIN

Lisa Woods

Motion carried.

Charlotte McGuire Kara Morgan Eric Poklar Lisa Woods Antoinette Miranda Nick Owens Jimmy Sheppard Tess Elshoff

Motion carried.

# VOTING ON THE REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

President Elshoff called on Superintendent DeMaria for his report and recommendations.

President Elshoff presented the following recommendations (Items 1-2):

1. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER IN ELECTRONIC CLASSROOM OF TOMORROW'S APPEAL PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 3314.08(K)(2).

The State Board of Education hereby ADOPTS the following Resolutions:

Section 3314.08(H) of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) sets forth a process for the Department to review the full-time equivalent (FTE) student funding that a community school has claimed and received for a given academic year;

ORC Section 3314.08(K) provides that the Department shall complete such an FTE review of a community school and issue its findings within ninety days of the end of the community school's fiscal year:

ORC Section 3314.08(K)(2) provides that if the Department determined that an overpayment was made to the community school, the community school may appeal the Department's FTE determination:

On September 28, 2017, the Department issued its FTE determination to Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow ("ECOT") finding that overpayment was made to ECOT for the 2016-2017 school year;

ECOT timely appealed the Department's FTE determination on October 12, 2017;

The matter was referred to a hearing officer on October 18, 2017 for an informal hearing;

The informal hearing occurred on December 4, 5 and 11, 2017 and during that hearing, the hearing officer heard testimony and received exhibits that were introduced;

The hearing officer issued his decision on January 22, 2018 based on the testimony and exhibits introduced at the hearing;

ECOT timely submitted its objections on January 30, 2018 and the Department has responded to such objection; and



The State Board of Education has reviewed the hearing officer's decision, the objections submitted by ECOT, and the Department's response to the objections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education, based on its review of the hearing officer's decision, ECOT's objections, and the Department's response to the objections, hereby accepts the hearing officer's decision and finds that ECOT received an overpayment of 18.5 percent but modifies the hearing officer's report and recommendation to reflect the amount of the overpayment of \$19,234,109.11 and directs the Department to take such measures as are necessary to collect the overpayment from ECOT; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify ECOT and its sponsor the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West of this resolution.

It was Moved by Mr. Owens and Seconded by Ms. Johnson that the above recommendation (Item 1) be approved. Mr. Owens spoke in favor of the resolution.

President Elshoff called for a roll call vote.

#### YES VOTES

Pat Bruns Cathye Flory Nancy Hollister Laura Kohler Charlotte McGuire Kara Morgan Eric Poklar Tess Elshoff Stephanie Dodd Linda Haycock Meryl Johnson Martha Manchester Antoinette Miranda Nick Owens James Sheppard

#### ABSTAIN

Lisa Woods

Motion carried.

# 2. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER IN CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S APPEAL PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 3314.16

The State Board of Education hereby ADOPTS the following background information and resolutions:

Ohio Revised Code 3314.16(B) sets forth a process for the Department to annually rate and assign an overall rating to entities that sponsor community schools;

ORC 3314.16(B)(7)(c) provides that community school sponsors rated poor have their sponsorship authority revoked as a matter of law, subject to a right to appeal;

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#### WOODRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS VS FACEBOOK PAYMENT INC.

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| (c) Attorneys (Firm Name,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Address, and Telephone Numbe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | r)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |         | Attorneys (If Known)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Not a Party)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |         | (For Diversity Cases Only) PT en of This State                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 🗇 1 Incorporated                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | and One Box for Defendant)  PTF DEF  d or Principal Place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| VI. CAUSE OF ACTIO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | moved from at a Court  Cite the U.S. Civil State 28 U.S.C. §§133: Brief description of care                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Appellate Court atute under which you are 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | on.     | pened Anothe<br>(specify)<br>Oo not cite jurisdictional stat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | r District Litig<br>Tran<br>utes unless diversity):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | gation - Litigation -<br>nsfer Direct File                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CHECK IF THIS<br>UNDER RULE 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | IS A <b>CLASS ACTION</b> 3, F.R.Cv.P.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         | EMAND \$<br>242,903.61                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | CHECK YES<br>JURY DEMA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | only if demanded in complaint:  AND: ▼ Yes □ No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| VIII. RELATED CASI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | E(S) (See instructions):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | JUDGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | DOCKET NUMBER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | R                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| l.      | Civil Categories: (Please                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | check one category only).                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |
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|         | 2. Admi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | eral Civil<br>nistrative Review/Social Security<br>eas Corpus Death Penalty                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |  |  |
|         | *If under Title 28, §2255, name the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | SENTENCING JUDGE:                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |
| II.     | CASE NUMBER:  RELATED OR REFILED CASES. See LR 3.1 which provides in pertinent part: "If an action is filed or removed to this Court and assigned to a District Judge after which it is discontinued, dismissed or remanded to a State court, and subsequently refiled, it shall be assigned to the same Judge who received the initial case assignment without regardfor the place of holding court in which the case was refiled. Counsel or a party without counsel shall be responsible for bringing such cases to the attention of the Court by responding to the questions included on the Civil Cover Sheet." |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
|         | This action: is <b>RELATED</b> to another <b>PENDING</b> civil case is a <b>REFILED</b> case was <b>PREVIOUSLY REMAN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
| lf appl | icable, please indicate on page 1 in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | section VIII, the name of the Judge and case number.                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |  |  |
| III.    | In accordance with Local Civil Rule <b>3.8</b> , actions involving counties in the Eastern Division shall be filed at any of the divisional offices therein. Actions involving counties in the Western Division shall be filed at the Toledo office. For the purpose of determining the proper division, and for statistical reasons, the following information is requested.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
|         | ANSWER ONE PARAGRAPH ONL<br>PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO YOUR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Y. ANSWER PARAGRAPHS 1 THRU 3 IN ORDER. UPON FINDING WHICH CASE, ANSWER IT AND STOP.                                                                                                                                                |  |  |  |  |
|         | <ul> <li>(1) Resident defendant. If the defendant resides in a county within this district, please set forth the name of such county</li> <li>COUNTY:</li> <li>Corporation For the purpose of answering the above, a corporation is deemed to be a resident of that county in which it has its principal place of business in that district.</li> <li>(2) Non-Resident defendant. If no defendant is a resident of a county in this district, please set forth the county wherein the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred.</li> </ul>                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
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|         | COUNTY: Summit County, OH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
|         | place of business within t                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ant is a resident of this district, or if the defendant is a corporation not having a principle he district, and the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred outside the the county of the plaintiff's residence. |  |  |  |  |
| IV.     | The Counties in the Northern District of Ohio are divided into divisions as shown below. After the county is determined in Section III, please check the appropriate division.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
|         | AKRON CLEVELAND YOUNGSTOWN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (Counties: Carroll, Holmes, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne)<br>(Counties: Ashland, Ashtabula, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake,<br>Lorain, Medina and Richland)<br>(Counties: Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull)      |  |  |  |  |
|         | WESTERN DIVISION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
|         | TOLEDO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | (Counties: Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry,<br>Huron, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca                                                                             |  |  |  |  |

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
  United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.

Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.