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A.A., B.B., C.C., D.D., E.E., and F.F., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COLONEL PATRICK J. CALLAHAN, in his official capacity as Superintendent of State Police,

Defendant.

Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division, Mercer County

Docket No.: MER-L-2001-23

Civil Action

PROPOSED ORDER

THIS MATTER having been opened to the court by way of joint application of the parties, the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender (Fletcher C. Duddy, Esq., Michael R. Noveck, Esq., and Alexander W. Geisel, Esq., appearing), counsel for Plaintiffs, and Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC (Matthew E. Beck, Esq., and Thomas A. Rowland, Esq., appearing), counsel for Defendant; and the court having reviewed the submission of counsel; and for good cause having been shown;

May IT IS on this 7th day of April, 2024, ORDERED as follows:

- This matter is held in abeyance so that the parties may continue to engage in mediation in good faith before the Honorable Jaynee LaVecchia, Retired Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court;
- 2. The deadline for Defendant to answer, move, or otherwise respond to the Complaint is adjourned until further order of the Court;
- 3. The parties shall file a written status report with the Court within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, indicating whether the abeyance should be continued or whether the Court should impose a deadline for the response to the Complaint.
- Pursuant to *Rule* 1:13-7(c)(4), Defendant Colonel Patrick J. Callahan shall be removed from the list of parties to be dismissed per the Lack of Prosecution Dismissal Warning filed by Case Management on March 30, 2024.

/s/ Douglas H. Hurd Hon. Douglas H. Hurd, P.J.Cv.