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

Menders et. al.,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 1:21-cv-00669-AJT-TCB

v.

Loudoun County School Board,

Plaintiffs' Response Brief in Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss

Defendant.

Plaintiffs have filed a First Amended Complaint (ECF No. 30) as "a matter of course" according to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(1)(B). The amended complaint "supersedes the original pleading, rendering the original pleading of no effect." Young v. City of Mount Rainier, 238 F.3d 567, 573 (4th Cir. 2001). When an amended complaint is filed, any motion to dismiss against the earlier complaint is mooted. Ramirez v. Cty. of San Bernardino, 806 F.3d 1002, 1008 (9th Cir. 2015); Phillips v. Loudoun Cty. Pub. Schs, No. 1:19-cv-501, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80369, at *8 (E.D. Va. May 6, 2020); Cortez-Melton v. Capital One Fin. Corp., No. 3:19cv127, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 237939, at *7 n.8 (E.D.V.A. Oct. 9, 2019). Thus, the Defendant's motion to dismiss (ECF No. 25) should be denied as moot.

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