

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**BE, through parent Gillian  
Stallworth; KL, through parent  
Gillian Stallworth; and GILLIAN  
STALLWORTH,**  
  
**Plaintiffs,**  
  
**vs.**  
  
**SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, et al.,**  
  
**Defendants.**

Civil Action Number  
**2:20-cv-00526-AKK**

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Gillian Stallworth brings this action on her own behalf and on behalf of her minor children, B.E. and K.L., against the Shelby County Board of Education (the “Board”), Celita Deem, Tina Neighbors, and Courtney King.<sup>1</sup> Doc. 1. In a nutshell, this action arises from alleged issues relating to B.E.’s education, the services and treatment he received from the defendants, and a due process hearing resulting in a decision in favor of the Board. This action is before the court on the defendants’

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<sup>1</sup> Stallworth asserts claims against Deem, Neighbors, and King in their individual capacities and in their official capacities as the principal of Mt. Laurel Elementary School, the assistant principal of Mt. Laurel Elementary School, and the owner of the HANDS Program, respectively. Doc. 1. The claims asserted against Deem and Neighbors in their official capacities are duplicative of the claims asserted against the Board and, therefore, are due to be dismissed. *See Snow v. City of Citronelle, Alabama*, 420 F.3d 1262, 1270 (11th Cir. 2005) (citation omitted).





































