

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
EASTERN DIVISION

SAUL HILLEL BENJAMIN, )  
 )  
 Plaintiff, )  
 )  
 V. )  
 )  
 NICHOLAS SPARKS, in his official and )  
 individual capacities; THE EPIPHANY SCHOOL )  
 OF GLOBAL STUDIES; NICHOLAS )  
 SPARKS FOUNDATION; MELISSA )  
 BLACKERBY, in her official and )  
 individual capacities; TRACY LORENTZEN, in )  
 her official and individual capacities; and )  
 S. MCKINLEY GRAY III, in his official and )  
 individual capacities, )  
 Defendants. )

**JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE  
CASE NO. 4:14-CV-186-D**

**Decision by Court.**

This action came before this Court for ruling as follows.

**IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** the court GRANTS the motion to dismiss of defendants Epiphany, Sparks in his official capacity, Lorentzen, Blackerby, and Gray [D.E. 54] and GRANTS the motion to dismiss of defendant Sparks in his individual capacity and the Foundation [D.E. 56]. The court DISMISSES claim one and claim two against Blackerby, Lorentzen, and Gray, claim five, claim twelve, claim thirteen, claim fourteen against Gray and Lorentzen, and claim sixteen. Defendants Blackerby, Lorentzen, and Gray are dismissed as defendants in this action.

SO ORDERED. This 23rd day of March, 2016.

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March 23, 2016

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