

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:17 cv 250**

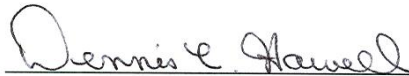
T.W., by her next friend Kristena Wilson,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF)
EDUCATION)
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Defendant.)
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ORDER

On September 11, 2017, T.W., by next friend and mother Kristena Wilson, filed her Complaint [# 1]. T.W. is eighteen [# 1]. T.W. has been diagnosed with autism and suffers from anxiety and narcolepsy [# 1]. While the distinction between next friend and guardian ad litem remains fine, the Court will require that a guardian ad litem be appointed for T.W. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 17(c)(2); Blackwell v. Vance Trucking Co., 139 F. Supp. 103, 106 (1956).

Therefore, the Court **DIRECTS** Plaintiff's counsel to file a motion to have Plaintiff's mother, or someone else qualified, to be appointed as a guardian ad litem for T.W.

Signed: January 8, 2018



Dennis L. Howell
United States Magistrate Judge

