1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 7 T.S., on behalf of T.A., a minor, 8 Plaintiff, 9 C21-0617 TSZ v. 10 **ORDER** SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, 11 Defendant. 12 THIS MATTER is currently set for trial to commence with jury selection on 13 Friday, January 17, 2025. The Court has already summoned prospective jurors. Plaintiff 14 has not timely responded to defendant's motions in limine, docket no. 61, has not filed a 15 trial brief or proposed voir dire questions, which were due on January 3, 2025, see 16 Minute Order (docket no. 55), and has not participated in the process of preparing and 17 submitting an agreed pretrial order and a set of agreed and/or disputed proposed jury 18 instructions, see Sweeney Decl. at ¶¶ 2–7 (docket no. 68). 19 By Minute Order entered December 27, 2024, docket no. 64, the Court directed 20 plaintiff's counsel to file a status report indicating whether T.S. has power of attorney for 21 or is otherwise authorized to act on behalf of T.A., who has apparently reached the age of 22 23 ORDER - 1

eighteen (18) during the course of this litigation. In the same Minute Order, docket no. 64, the Court directed plaintiff to show cause why defendant's motions in limine, docket no. 61, should not be granted and why plaintiff's remaining claims should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute. The deadlines for plaintiff's counsel to file the requested status report and for plaintiff to show cause have now expired, and neither plaintiff nor her counsel has filed the requisite documents or responded in any way. Now, therefore, the Court ORDERS:

- (1) The trial date and the pretrial conference set for Friday, January 10, 2025, as well as defendant's motions in limine, docket no. 61, and any remaining deadlines, are hereby STRICKEN;
- (2) T.A.'s remaining claims for negligent retention and/or pre-incident supervision, as alleged in portions of Claims G and H of the Complaint, docket no. 1, are DISMISSED without prejudice for failure to prosecute; the Court CONCLUDES that such dismissal must be without prejudice because the record reflects uncertainty concerning whether T.S. continues to have authority to pursue such claims on T.A.'s behalf and, as a result, the actions or omissions of T.S. and/or T.S.'s attorney Shannon McMinimee¹ cannot be imputed to T.A.; <u>see</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b);
- (3) The Clerk is DIRECTED to enter judgment consistent with this Order and the Order entered March 24, 2023, docket no. 46, against T.S., individually and on behalf

¹ Defendant's request for sanctions against Ms. McMinimee, <u>see</u> Sweeney Decl. at ¶ 8 (docket no. 68), is DENIED.

1	of T.A., and in favor of defendant Seattle School District No. 1, which may tax costs in
2	the manner set forth in Local Civil Rule 54(d); and
3	(4) The Clerk is further DIRECTED to send a copy of the above-referenced
4	judgment and this Order to all counsel of record, and to CLOSE this case.
5	(5) Plaintiff's counsel Shannon McMinimee is DIRECTED to serve a copy of
6	this Order on plaintiff T.S., as well as putative plaintiff T.A., and to file proof of such
7	service within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.
8	IT IS SO ORDERED.
9	Dated this 7th day of January, 2025.
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12	Thomas S. Zilly United States District Judge
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