

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT
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June 1, 2026

Equal Ground Education Fund, Inc., **Case 1D2026-1539**
Marcos Vilar, Brandon Nelson, Lisa L.T. No.: 2026 CA 000914
Barika, Kisha Linebaugh, Rochelle
Reback, Elizabeth Wells, Susan
Wilson, Andrea Davnie Hill, Emma
Kurtz, Lynnelle Mays, Steven Licari,
Anne Blanford, Sharon Lascola,
Janet Wechter, Kerry Marie, Linda
Rosenthal, Daniella Pierre, and
Philip Fortman,
Appellant(s),

v.

Cord Byrd, in his official capacity as
Florida Secretary of State, the
Florida Senate, and the Florida
House of Representatives,
Appellee(s).

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:

The Court declines to certify this cause as suggested by Appellants under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.125. This case is substantively and procedurally different from *Black Voters Matter Capacity Bldg. Inst., Inc. v. Sec'y, Florida Dep't of State*, 415 So. 3d 180 (Fla. 2025), where we were reminded of our constitutional authority to certify to the Florida Supreme Court for direct review trial court judgments in which an appeal is pending and which are of “great public importance” or “have a great effect on the proper administration of justice throughout the state.” *Id.* at 193.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order is issued at the Court's direction.

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