

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
OHIO, WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

Accel Schools SR LLC v. Travonna Hunter

Accel Schools · No. 3:25-cv-303 · Decided January 15, 2026

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON ACCEL SCHOOLS SR LLC, Plaintiff, Case No. 3:25-cv-303 vs. TRAVONNA HUNTER, District Judge Michael J. Newman Magistrate Judge Caroline H. Gentry Defendant.

ORDER: (1) GRANTING DEFENDANT’S PRO SE MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A MOTION TO SET ASIDE THE CLERK’S ENTRY OF DEFAULT (Doc. No. 10); (2) SETTING A BRIEFING SCHEDULE; AND (3) PLACING DEFENDANT ON NOTICE THAT IF SHE DOES NOT FILE A TIMELY MOTION, PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE GRANTED AND JUDGMENT ENTERED AGAINST DEFENDANT

This civil case was filed on September 15, 2025.

The docket reflects that Defendant Travonna Hunter was served on September 23, 2025, establishing an answer date of October 14, 2025. Doc. No. 5. Upon that date, Defendant had not answered and, therefore, it appeared Defendant was in default. “When a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend, and that failure is shown by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk must enter the party’s default.” Fed.

R. Civ. P. 55(a). Plaintiff filed an application to the Clerk for entry of default against Defendant on October 23, 2025 (Doc. No. 9), and the Clerk of Court put on an entry of default on October 28, 2025 (Doc. No. 10). Then, on December 19, 2025, Defendant filed a pro se letter in response to Plaintiff. Doc. No. 12. Plaintiff filed a motion for default judgment on December 22, 2025.

Doc. No. 13. The Court liberally construes the letter in Defendant’s favor as a pro se motion for an extension of time to file a motion to set aside the clerk’s entry of default. *Estelle v. Gamble*, 429 U.S. 97, 106 (1976); see *United States v. Hawkins*, 793 F. App’x 416, 417 n.1 (6th Cir. 2020).

For good cause shown, the Court GRANTS Defendant’s request. Defendant shall file her motion and accompanying memorandum to set aside the clerk’s entry of default by February 6, 2026, and Plaintiff shall file their reply by February 20, 2026. Defendant is placed on NOTICE that if she

does not file a timely response, Plaintiff's motion for default judgment may be granted and entered against her.

IT IS SO ORDERED. January 15, 2026 s/Michael J. Newman Hon. Michael J. Newman United States District Judge

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