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THERESA SWEET, ALICIA DAVIS, TRESA APODACA, CHENELLE ARCHIBALD, DANIEL DEEGAN, SAMUEL HOOD, and JESSICA JACOBSON on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MIGUEL CARDONA, in his official capacity as Secretary of the United States Department of Education, and

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Defendants.

Case No. 19-cv-03674-WHA

[PROPOSED] SCHEDULE FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT Case No: 19-cv-03674-WHA Having granted preliminary approval of the proposed class action settlement, ECF No. 307, the Court adopts the following schedule for final approval:

- By August 19, 2022, Defendants will email all Class Members the Notice attached as Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement. Defendants will send a postal mail copy of the notice to all Class Members for whom they do not have an email address or for whom they have received notice that the prior email was undeliverable.
- 2. Between the Execution Date and the Fairness Hearing, Defendants shall direct all inquiries from Class Members regarding the Agreement to Plaintiffs' Counsel.
- Each Class Member will have the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Settlement. Class Members must submit any comments to the Settlement Agreement in writing to the Court, with copies served on all Parties' counsel. Comments must be submitted on or before September 15, 2022.
- 4. The Parties must move for final approval on or before September 22, 2022.
- If this Court grants any motion to intervene, Intervenors must respond in opposition to the motion for final approval on or before October 6, 2022. Any replies will be due on October 13, 2022.
- No later than 3 days prior to the Fairness Hearing for Final Approval, Defendants must file an affidavit attesting that they provided the notice referenced in Paragraph 1 to all Class Members.
- 7. The Fairness Hearing for Final Approval is scheduled for November 3, 2022, at 11 am. Information about the hearing, including the process for Class Member participation and virtual attendance, will be posted by Plaintiffs' counsel at https://ppsl.org/cases/sweet-v-cardona. Counsel shall appear in person, unless travel restrictions or public building closures prevent in-person appearances.
- 8. The Fairness Hearing may, from time to time and without further notice to the Class, be continued or adjourned by order of the Court.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: <u>August 9, 2022</u>

William H. Alsup United States District Judge