

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT
OPINION SUMMARY

KQUAWANDA MOORE,)	No. ED102765
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Plaintiff/Appellant,)	
)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
vs.)	the City of St. Louis
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LIFT FOR LIFE ACADEMY, INC.,)	
)	Honorable Robert H. Dierker
Defendant/Respondent.)	
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)	Filed: March 15, 2016

Kquawanda Moore appeals the trial court's summary judgment in favor of her former employer, the charter school Lift for Life Academy, on Moore's claim of wrongful discharge. The trial court concluded that charter schools are public schools and therefore are protected by sovereign immunity. Moore contends that the legislature did not intend for charter schools to be protected by sovereign immunity, as evidenced by the statutory mandate that charter schools maintain liability insurance for tort claims.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION FOUR HOLDS: The relevant provisions of chapter 160 and chapter 537 read together demonstrate a legislative intent that charter schools be treated as public schools for purposes of risk management, liability, and immunity from liability. Absent an express waiver, charter schools are protected by sovereign immunity.

Opinion by: Lisa Van Amburg, Chief Judge
Kurt S. Odenwald, J., Judge, and Philip M. Hess, Judge, concur.

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