

**Lanzer v Board of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the
City of N.Y.**

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Supreme Court, New York County

Docket Number: Index No. 160017/2021

Judge: Lyle E. Frank

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK COUNTY

PRESENT: <u>HON. LYLE E. FRANK</u>	PART	11M
	<i>Justice</i>	
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LUCIA LANZER,	MOTION SEQ. NO.	<u>001</u>
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Petitioner,		

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 28 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

**DECISION + ORDER ON
MOTION**

Respondent.

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were read on this motion to/for ARTICLE 78 (BODY OR OFFICER)

Petitioner brings the instant petition pursuant to Article 75 and Article 78 of the CPLR primarily disputing her placement on leave without pay status without a hearing regarding the change in status. Respondents oppose the petition and cross move to dismiss the petition on the grounds that petitioner was not entitled to a hearing on the matter and her placement on leave without pay status is lawful. For the reasons set forth below the petition is denied.

Petitioner is a tenured teacher employed by the New York City Department of Education. This petition, like others brought under the same or very similar factual scenarios, attempts to dispute the requirement that teachers get a Covid-19 vaccine or seek an accommodation from respondents. Although petitioner does not explicitly challenge the vaccine mandate, she seeks to return to work in contravention of the directives of the underlying arbitrator's decision. Moreover, petitioner contends that the arbitrator exceeded its jurisdiction.

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The vaccine requirement and the process by which to seek exemption was implemented by the arbitration decision of Arbitrator Martin F. Scheinman, dated September 10, 2021. See NYSCEF Doc. 4. The decision delineated specific requirements on the members of United Federation of Teachers (UFT) to become vaccinated by a date certain or seek an exemption as is outlined in the decision. Moreover, the decision specifically states

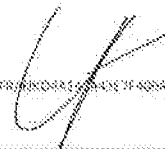
“Any unvaccinated employee who has not requested an exemption pursuant to Section 1, or who has requested an exemption which has been denied, may be placed by the DOE on leave without pay effective September 28, 2021, or upon denial of appeal, whichever is later, through November 30, 2021. Such leave may be unilaterally imposed by the DOE and may be extended at the request of the employee [...]”

See NYCEF Doc. 4 at page13.

Based upon the reading of the decision in question, petitioner is not entitled to a hearing on her placement to leave without pay status, as it is not a disciplinary consequence. Further, the Court agrees with the arguments of the respondents that petitioner lacks standing to challenge the arbitrator’s decision as she was not a party to the underlying arbitration. The Court finds that petitioner has not established that she was wrongfully placed on leave without pay as the record is devoid of any evidence of compliance or attempted compliance with the rules and procedures enumerated in the decision. Accordingly, it is hereby

ADJUDGED that the petition is denied.

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