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VIA E-MAIL & VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

September 26, 2017

The Honorable Susan Scarola, ALJ
Office of Administrative Law
9 Quakerbridge Plaza
P.O. Box 049
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Alcantara, Leonor, Individually and as G/A/L for E.A. et. als.

v.

Hespie, David, Comm. of Ed., NJ State Bd. of Ed. & NJ Dept. of Ed.

OAL Dkt. No.: EDU-11069-2014 S / Agency Ref.: 156-6/14

Dear Judge Scarola:

As Your Honor is aware this office represents the interests of the Lakewood Township Board of Education as of August 17, 2017.

I have been made aware of the following:

1. A telephone status conference call is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 3:30 pm with DAG Geoffrey N.

Stark to initiate. **The undersigned is respectfully requesting an in-person conference at said time.**

2. Hearing dates I have been advised are scheduled to occur on:

- Monday, February 5, 2018
- Wednesday, February 7, 2018
- Monday, February 12, 2018
- Tuesday, February 13, 2018
- Thursday, February 22, 2018

However, I am again requesting an in-person conference to occur *as soon as possible* prior to November 20, 2017. Currently I understand the Court and I are available on October 18, 2017 for same to be conducted.

In addition, it *appears* that despite my efforts the Lakewood Township Board of Education *who is most directly affected by the outcome of this significant matter* is not being made fully aware of what has transpired to date, *may* have interests that are somewhat divergent of the Petitioners, and is being requested to expend significant resources and time in directions that *may not* advance the Board's interest.

Lastly, I received notification from Petitioner's counsel (Arthur Lang, Esq.) last week that I may have a conflict *as a potential witness* due to my "tenure as BOE attorney for over a decade (that) puts (me) in the best position to

determine, at the very least, for the decade (I) served, the purported expense of “private students” on the user-friendly budget list, etc.” (comments from Mr. Lang to the undersigned).

Needless to say I do not believe I have any such conflict and have confirmed same with my counsel, Steven Secare, Esq.

Thanking Your Honor in advance for Her courtesies to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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