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| <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD <i>Petitioners</i></p> <p>v.</p> <p>NJDOE <i>Respondents</i></p> | <p>STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW OAL Dkt. No.: EDU-08386-2019 Agency Ref.: 142-6/19</p> <p>CERTIFICATION OF LAURA A. WINTERS AND ROBERT S. FINGER</p> |
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I, LAURA A. WINTERS, AND I, ROBERT S. FINGER and of full age, hereby certify and state:

1. I, LAURA A. WINTERS, am currently employed as the Superintendent of Schools for the Lakewood Board of Education ("LBOE"). I am fully familiar with the facts contained herein and submit this certification based on my personal knowledge.

2. I, ROBERT S. FINGER, am currently employed as the Interim Business Administrator for the Lakewood Board of Education ("LBOE"). I am fully familiar with the facts contained herein and submit this certification based on my personal knowledge.

3. The attached chart is to the best of our knowledge is true and accurate (EXHIBIT "A").

4. We both have discussed same at length with the New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") State Monitor (David Shafter) today (Tuesday, July 2, 2019) who agreed with all of the numbers contained with the attached chart.

5. The Lakewood Public School District requires approximately \$16,912,401.00 to provide a Thorough and Efficient ("T&E") education to its students.

6. We agree that the District is not able to "certify" the Budget at this time.

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7. We agree that the District cannot expend monies without a certified Budget.
8. We agree that we will need to participate in further discussions later this evening to make a determination if there will be school tomorrow, etc.
9. We have attempted to obtain additional information and clarification from the New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") State Monitor (David Shafter), to no avail.

I, LAURA A. WINTERS, Superintendent of Lakewood Township Public School District, certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.


Laura A. Winters, Superintendent

Dated: July 2, 2019

I, ROBERT S. FINGER, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary of Lakewood Township Public School District, certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.


Robert S. Finger, Interim Business Administrator
and Board Secretary

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This is exactly what we have been discussing for months!!!

I recommend, and I agree.

Respectfully,

Laura A. Winters
Superintendent of Schools
732-905-3633

*Work hard in Silence....And Let Success Make the Noise!
Never Decrease the Goal, Increase the Effort!*

*"It is easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken men."
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