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Via fax: 609-689-4070
Honorable Solomon A. Metzger, ALJ
Office of Administrative Law
Quakerbridge Plaza, Building 9
Mercerville, NJ 08625-0049

Re: Leonor Alcantara et. al., v. David Hesse et. al.

OAL Docket No: EDU 11069-2014 S

Agency Ref. No. 156-6/14

Dear Judge Metzger:

During our telephone conference on August 11, 2016 I offered to submit the Lakewood Board of Education post October 15 expense for transportation. Please find that Lakewood's current transportation expense for both special education and regular education students is \$27,753,047. This cost is entirely mandated as the Lakewood Bussing Bill, P.L.2016, c.22., prohibits the Lakewood Board of Education from "provid[ing] any courtesy busing to nonpublic school pupils who reside in the eligible district." Also pursuant to P.L.2016, c.22 the state is contributing \$3,494,790. Currently, 20,085 nonpublic students are eligible for remote transportation, an increase of 18% above 16,997 in 2016.

I have not yet obtained an updated expense for the tuition of the most severely disabled children but \$31,485,495 was originally budgeted. Hence, at least \$59,238,542 is spent to serve a population of 34,000 K-12 students and growing. Little is left over of the \$111,335,015 that Respondents calculate adequate for 6,100 Lakewood public school students.

Respectfully,

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I certify that the "Lakewood Board of Education Budget Report" and the "Kean & Singer Pilot Program(S-2409)-Add'l Cost Analysis" were obtained through OPRA requests to the Lakewood Board of Education. I further certify that all the annexed documents are true copies of what they purport to be. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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