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Mr. Mark Saalfield, Superintendent  
Blairstown School District  
1 Sunset Hill Road  
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Dear Mr. Saalfield:

Subject: Special Education Monitoring Report – Blairstown School District

This correspondence has been sent to inform you of the results of the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs' monitoring regarding the Blairstown School District's implementation of federal and state special education requirements. Monitoring activities included review of student outcome data, desk audit, onsite file review and interviews with staff members. The members of the monitoring team were Samuel Jordan and Linda Chavez. I am pleased to inform you that the district was determined compliant with all 46 requirements reviewed. The requirements reviewed were related to the following priority areas established by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004):

- ***Transition to Adult Life***
- ***State Assessment***
- ***Placement in the Least Restrictive Environment***
- ***Parent Involvement***
- ***Disproportionate Representation of Specific Racial-Ethnic Groups in Special Education***
- ***Evaluation and Reevaluation***
- ***Individualized Education Program***
- ***Programs and Services***

The results of the special education monitoring must be reviewed at the next meeting of the district's board of education. Questions regarding the enclosed monitoring report should be directed to Dr. Peggy McDonald, manager of the Bureau of Program Accountability, at 609-292-7605. The NJOSEP appreciates the cooperation of district staff members during the self-assessment/monitoring process.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gantwerk, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Student Services

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