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Dr. Thomas Kane, Superintendent Hillside Township School District 195 Virginia Street Hillside, NJ 07205-2742

Dear Dr. Kane:

Subject: Special Education Monitoring Report - Hillside Township School District

This correspondence has been sent to inform you of the status of the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs' onsite monitoring regarding the Hillside Township School District's implementation of federal and state special education requirements. All findings of noncompliance identified as a result of monitoring were corrected within one year of identification. No further action regarding this monitoring is required by the district. Of the 46 requirements reviewed, the district demonstrated noncompliance with seven requirements. Through ongoing verification activities, the district demonstrated correction of all areas of noncompliance. The district must maintain a system of oversight to ensure continued compliance with federal and state special education requirements.

Questions regarding the enclosed monitoring 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 monitoring and verification process.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gantwerk, Assistant Commissioner

Division of Student Services

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