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Dr. Vincent Varcadipane, Chief School Administrator
Totowa School District
10 Crews Street
Totowa, NJ 07512-0010

Dear Dr. Varcadipane:

SUBJECT: Special Education Monitoring – Correction of Noncompliance

This correspondence has been sent to inform you of the results of the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs' monitoring of the Totowa School District's implementation of federal and state special education requirements. Of the 46 federal and state requirements reviewed as part of the process, nine findings of noncompliance were identified. Monitoring activities included review of student outcome data, desk audit, onsite file review and interviews with staff members. I am pleased to inform you that your district demonstrated correction of all findings of noncompliance within one year of identification.

The district is expected to sustain administrative oversight, as well as provide training and technical assistance, on an as-needed basis, to ensure ongoing compliance with IDEA 2004 and positive educational outcomes for students with disabilities. Questions regarding the monitoring process 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Gantwerk".

Barbara Gantwerk, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Student Services

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