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Re: District's Annual Report for Substantial Compliance

Dear Ms. Howell and Ms. Evans Cox:

This is a follow-up letter concerning the substantial compliance framework and the annual report posted on the Division of Special Education website on August 15. We had scheduled a meeting for September 1 to discuss the annual report. However, until there is a more thorough version of this report, I see no reason to have a discussion about it.

I reviewed the substantial compliance framework and the specific information concerning the district annual report. The relevant section states:

"Annual Report on Substantial Compliance

By August 15, 2015, the District must make publicly available a report on the implementation of all items within this framework.

- By November 1, 2014, the District will provide the OIM a draft framework for the annual report."

The posted annual report does not address all the items in the framework. In fact, it lists only indicators. In addition, the indicators listed did not comply with the required information specified in the substantial compliance framework.

At no time subsequent to your submission of the draft outline dated November 3, 2014, was the content of the substantial compliance framework altered.

Please review the framework and provide an annual report that comports with the substantial compliance framework. The framework provides sufficient detail for a much more comprehensive effort and one compliant with the discussions we had as well as the criteria I provided in my February 18 letter. Once this draft is complete, we can meet to discuss and work on it together.

I am imposing no timeline here. The ball is in your court to come up with a substantial compliance process that meets the criteria we set forth with the parties in the substantial compliance framework.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Rostetter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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c: Robert Myers, Catherine Blackmore, Brigitte Ammons,