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January 27, 2023

Ms. Alison Barmat, Chief
Family Support & Dispute Resolution Branch
Division of Early Intervention Services/Special Education
Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: [REDACTED]
Ref.: #23-035

VIA electronic mail

Dear Ms. Barmat:

The letter serves to provide an update to the school-specific corrective actions required in the November 2, 2022, Letter of Findings (LOF) in the above-referenced State complaint issued by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Per the LOF, the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) was required to provide documentation of the steps taken to identify “all students with disabilities eligible under the IDEA during the 2021-2022 school year who were disciplinarily removed from their educational setting and did not receive appropriate services pending completion of a “threat assessment” tool” by February 1, 2023.

The HCPSS identified five students in addition to the student in the complaint who require follow-up actions per the LOF. The HCPSS will hold Individualized Education Program team meetings for four of the students and one [REDACTED] to “determine the amount and nature of compensatory services or other remedy to be provided to the [students] for the loss of services, and [develop] a plan for the provision of those services within one (1) year...” Enclosed please find the data pertaining to the identification of these students.

The HCPSS appreciates the technical assistance provided by the MSDE. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (410) 313-5358 or by email at Kelly.Russo@hcpss.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Russo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly L. Russo
Coordinator of Special Education Compliance and Dispute Resolution

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c: Student record (without enclosure)
Diane Eisenstadt