
October 15, 2020

The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Special Education State Complaint for 

Dear Governor Hogan:

I am writing to follow up on the complaint I wrote to you on September 19, 2020, against the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), alleging fraudulent manipulations of the State Complaint investigation findings by Ms. Marcella E. Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, MSDE; when she investigated my complaint against the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). I requested you that a party outside of the MSDE be assigned to investigate the complaint. I have not received any response from you as of the date of this letter regarding this complaint. On October 05, 2020, Ms. Franczkowski informed me in writing that your office has directed her to “handle” the complaint by herself. I am deeply concerned by the actions of your office.

As you have seen during your tenure as Governor of Maryland, allegations of fraud often requires external investigation in order to uncover the problems and to provide assurance to the public regarding the integrity of the operations of the Government. When there were allegations of fraud against Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Previous Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the PGCPS, initially it was investigated by Ms. Franczkowski's supervisor Dr. Carol Williamson, Deputy State Superintendent of Schools, Office of Teaching and Learning, MSDE. Dr. Williamson's investigation did not find problems. But, later when public were concerned and an investigation was conducted by external investigators, problems were found. I humbly request you to remind yourself of these lessons and request that the importance of external investigators is not undermined when the issues are at state level.

I request you to assign external investigators to investigate the complaint without further delays, in order to have a proper investigation. I believe that it is essential to assign the complaint to external investigators for investigation in order to ensure that a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) is provided to all children with disabilities in Maryland. I also believe that matters in my complaint are of interest and importance to the public.

By this letter to you and the copies, I would like to remind the MSDE and you again that federal regulations prohibit public entities and recipients of Federal Financial Assistance (FFA) from taking actions, towards my son or any of his immediate family members, to harass, intimidate, threaten, coerce or discriminate them, because I filed this and previous complaints, any additional complaints regarding the same or different matter, asserted the students' right to receive FAPE in Maryland, asserted the students' right to not being discriminated based on their disabilities, in Maryland or encouraged others in Maryland to exercise their rights under federal civil rights laws. I request you to take proactive measures to ensure that violations described in this paragraph do not occur.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me to confirm the receipt of this complaint, set up times for the external investigators to talk to me and establish timelines for completing the investigation. If you or the external investigators need further information or clarification, I can be reached at the contact numbers in this letter.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Hameed Jamarussadiq.

Hameed Jamarussadiq

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