
December 23, 2020

The Honorable Karen B. Salmon
State Superintendent of Schools
Office of State Superintendent
Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Advertisement

Dear Superintendent Salmon:

I have enclosed a copy of my request to amend records which I sent to Ms. Marcella Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE); and Ms. Lora Rakowski, Director of Communication, MSDE; on August 07, 2020 (the Amendment Request). I am writing to check with you if you have any information on what is Ms. Franczkowski and Ms. Rakowski doing with the Amendment Request and whether you have developed a communication protocol for communication between them. I note that Ms. Rakowski is the Director of Communication at the MSDE, but never communicated to me regarding the the Amendment Request.

Referring to the advertisement on the Kennedy Krieger Institute (the Institute) website which advertised that as part of the educational program, the school staff regularly evaluate the progress of each student, and that for students with a BIP, behavior specialists are assigned to regularly monitor treatment effectiveness; on January 9, 2019; Ms. Franczkowski documented in her report attempting to establish that it was part of the evidence that my son's Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) was implemented. I checked the MSDE website and it doesn't state that a Behavior Specialist was working with Ms. Franczkowski and team. Based on the documentation Ms. Franczkowski provided, I believe one is required to ensure Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for all children with disabilities in Maryland.

I further checked the Institute website Ms. Franczkowski referred to me and found the following:

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About

Dr. Grasmick is a faculty member at the Kennedy-Krieger Institute developing an innovative fellowship program to prepare administrators as leaders in special education.

Education

Dr. Grasmick served as State Superintendent of top-ranked Maryland Public Schools for twenty years, from 1991 until 2011 – serving 24 districts, 1,424 schools, and 869,113 students. She began her career as a classroom teacher at the William S. Baer School for the Deaf in Baltimore City before serving as principal and as associate superintendent in Baltimore County. Dr. Grasmick received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Towson University, her Master's Degree in Deaf Education from Gallaudet University, and her

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Based on the information Ms. Franczkowski provided, I feel that Ms. Franczkowski was working for Dr. Nancy Grasmick, previous State Superintendent of Schools when Ms. Franczkowski wrote her letter dated January 9, 2019. I filed the complaint with Ms. Franczkowski when the Director at the Institute was refusing to implement the BIP. I did not file a complaint regarding deceptive advertisement.

I would like to remind you that federal regulations prohibit public entities and recipients of Federal Financial Assistance (FFA) from taking actions, towards students and their families with different treatments, because they asserted the students' right to receive FAPE in Maryland, asserted the students' right to not being discriminated based on their disabilities in Maryland; and/or identified and/or reported MSDE's failure to ensure FAPE for all children with disabilities in Maryland.

Please contact me to confirm the receipt of this request. I request you to ensure that the Amendment Request is processed without further delays. I suggest you to assign Deputy State Superintendents for both Ms. Franczkowski and Ms. Rakowski to provide proper supervision to both of them. I request you to ensure that Ms. Franczkowski and Ms. Rakowski fully cooperate with all children with disabilities in Maryland for their education as children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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