

January 06, 2021

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

Re: Overturning IEP Team Decisions and Fraud in Maryland

Dear Governor Hogan:

A Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) official provided with me evidence that Ms. Marcella E. Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, MSDE attempted to overturn Individualized Education Program (IEP) team decisions through fraud in violation of federal laws and guidelines from the United States Department of Education (the Department). Ms. Franczkowski in her letter dated December 04, 2020 (the Letter), falsely documented the following:

“At that time, the IEP team decided that the discussion was going beyond the purpose of reviewing the protocol, and the meeting adjourned without any decisions being made about the protocol.”

The incident Ms. Franczkowski described above did not actually happen. The meeting was audio recorded. So, there is additional evidence. While the IEP team did not decide to implement all of that was proposed in the protocol, the team decided to implement some of them. Ms. Franczkowski falsely documented that no decision regarding the protocol were made attempting to overturn the IEP team decisions. The IEP team determined that action regarding the protocol was completed and did not decide to have further meetings about it. Ms. Franczkowski falsely documented that the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Franczkowski also falsely documented the following in the Letter referring to a previous investigation she did:

“These violations include those related to responding to numerous overlapping requests for access to documents that the complainant makes on a regular basis.”

There were no findings of fact that there were any overlapping requests. Ms. Franczkowski falsely documented that there were overlapping requests.

On November 06, 2020, I reported to Ms. Franczkowski and Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, MSDE that Ms. Dori Wilson, Chief, Family Support Branch, Dispute Resolution Branch, MSDE falsely documented in her letter dated November 2, 2020 that I expressed concern about the communication skills of "the PGCPs staff". I expressed concern to Ms. Franczkowski and Dr. Salmon that Ms. Franczkowski was not providing proper supervision to Ms. Wilson. At the same time I also shared with Dr. Salmon that she failed to ensure that Ms. Wilson was provided with sufficient communication regarding appropriate code of conduct and disciplinary action procedures to ensure Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for all children with disabilities in Maryland. Also, there were additional [reports](#) that Dr. Salmon faulted for poor leadership and communication.

As you are aware, this is [not the first time](#) I am reporting fraudulent manipulations of Maryland's State Complaint investigation findings by Ms. Franczkowski. I continue to find that Ms. Franczkowski and team engage in such manipulations. Attempts by Ms. Franczkowski to overturn IEP team decisions in this manner is a [mockery](#) of IEP process and is discriminatory towards children with disabilities. I request you to take immediate actions to stop the fraudulent practices by Ms. Franczkowski and team.

By this letter to you and the copies, I would like to remind the MSDE and Maryland 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 complaint with you, any additional complaints regarding the same or different matter, asserted the students' right to receive FAPE in Maryland, or asserted the students' right to not being discriminated based on their disabilities, in Maryland. 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 letter. If you need further information or clarification, I can be reached at the contact numbers in this letter.

Sincerely,
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