

November 16, 2021

The Honorable Mohammed Choudhury
State Superintendent of Schools
Office of State Superintendent
Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Request to Stop Fraud, Abuse and Corruption

Dear Superintendent Choudhury:

I would like to congratulate you for becoming the State Superintendent of Schools of Maryland (the State). I previously congratulated previous State Superintendents Dr. Karen Salmon and Dr. Lillian Lowery.

When a new staff joins a public agency, I usually give some time for the staff to settle down. But, I felt that I gave too much time to Dr. Salmon and Dr. Lowery. I believe five (5) months is a good enough time to settle down. I am not sure if you are seeing the same Maryland that you expected when you joined the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). It is very unlikely that Dr. Salmon explained you the mess she was leaving you with. I often felt that Dr. Salmon did not have positive attitude towards children with disabilities and their families. I think Dr. Salmon stayed too long. I understood that one (1) year from your contract was unfairly given to her. I was looking for a State Superintendent who has positive attitude towards children with disabilities and their families.

I was trying to find out what you are up to in Maryland. I note that when you were asked what you thought of Maryland and what you were most looking forward to doing in this state, you responded that you were [excited to taste all kinds of crab cakes in Maryland](#). I believe it is okay to like and eat crab cakes. But, I thought you would respond with something about education.

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I haven't heard anything from you regarding children with disabilities and their education. If you could refer me to any interviews or public statement you had, before the date of this letter, regarding them, I would appreciate it. I am not sure what you think about them. I was also looking at how [Texas](#) handled the education of children with disabilities.

I have shared with Dr. Salmon and you about [fraud, abuse and corruption](#) (collectively the “Unethical Practices”) in the Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services (the Division) within the MSDE under the leadership of Ms. Marcella Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent of the Division (the Superintendent), in programs receiving financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) for the education of children with disabilities in the State. I note that the Unethical Practices continued even after Dr. Salmon left. I believe that the Superintendent will not be able to do such things without the support of a State Superintendent. Dr. Salmon directly supported several fraudulent practices of the Superintendent. I request you not to support such practices and request you to immediately stop the Unethical Practices to ensure that all children with disabilities in the State receive Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). I also request you to review the [procedures](#) the Division follows and correct the procedures for the same reason.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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