April 24, 2024

Dr. Antoine Hickman Assistant State Superintendent Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services Maryland State Department of Education 200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: PGCPS Fraud Alert

Dear Dr. Hickman:

I am writing to issue a Fraud Alert. Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) staff have provided me with evidence of fraud by certain PGCPS officials in programs receiving financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for the education of children with disabilities. Beware that PGCPS falsified student records using one or more of the following officials (collectively, the "Officials") and produced fraudulent documentation:

- 1. Ms. Lois Jones-Smith, Special Education Compliance Liaison, PGCPS; and
- 2. Ms. <u>Trena Johnson Bowlding</u>, Nonpublic Instructional Specialist, PGCPS.

The above individual(s) conducted the operations on behalf of the PGCPS under the leadership of Ms. Trinell Bowman, Associate Superintendent for Special Education, PGCPS (the Superintendent) and Mr. Millard House II, Chief Executive Officer, PGCPS (the CEO).

The Officials have created multiple fraudulent documents with false information in the past six (6) months from the date of this letter. Many of these documents are titled "Prior Written Notice". The Officials falsely documented several things in the documents as discussed and determined by Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team while the IEP Team did not actually take such actions. Some of the decisions by the IEP Team were concealed in the documentation. Please note that audio recordings of the IEP Team discussions and decisions are available for verification.

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I request you to take immediate actions to stop the fraudulent practices by the PGCPS, the Superintendent and team, to ensure Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for all children with disabilities in Maryland and for their safety and health.

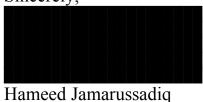
I request to you use the information provided in this letter for processing and resolution of State Complaints I filed with the MSDE on behalf of my son, including past, present and future complaints.

It is also important that other parents need to be aware and be educated about the PGCPS procedures described above so that they can also be beware of the Officials and the procedures and the types of procedures they implement with the support of the Superintendent. I have reported similar issues to the PGCPS leadership in past two (2) decades. PGCPS continued malpractices with various leaderships. Now the CEO took over the PGCPS operations. The Superintendent remained in the position.

By this letter to you and the copies, I would like to remind the PGCPS 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 in advance 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.





c: Carey M. Wright Deann Collins Alison Barmat Millard House Trinell Bowman IEP Team Judith White Angela Alsobrooks the Officials