



New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families

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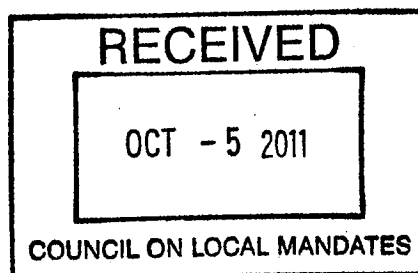
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In Re Complaint of the Springfield Board of Education (3 – 11)

Dear Mr. Slaughter,

The NJ Network of Catholic School Families and the NJ Catholic Conference hereby request permission for themselves and other stakeholders in the nonpublic school community to appear as amici curiae in the above-captioned matter. The NJ Network of Catholic School Families represents the families of the students enrolled in Catholic schools throughout the state. One of those schools is located in Springfield, NJ. The NJ Catholic Conference represents the NJ Bishops in public policy matters. Not only does this matter directly affect nonpublic school students resident in Springfield, the Council's decision will significantly impact the entire nonpublic school community.

It is our understanding that this matter has been scheduled for a hearing on October 18, 2011. If our request to appear as amici is approved by the Council, we propose submission of one letter brief on behalf of the NJ Network of Catholic School Families, the NJ Catholic Conference and the greater nonpublic school community, which will be defined as the signatories to the letter brief submitted. If it please the Council, our submission will be made via email with copies to all parties on October 13, 2011.

As nonpublic school parents are the true stakeholders in this action, we believe that they should be able to state their case to the Council as it deliberates a matter that will affect their ability to not only continue their children's nonpublic school education but to seek one in the future.

Your consideration is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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