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The Honorable John A. Sweeney, A.J.S.C. (Ret.), Chairperson  
New Jersey Council on Local Mandates  
P.O. Box 627  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0627

Re: *In re the Complaint of the Springfield Board of Education*  
Docket No.: 3-11  
Our File No.: 08083.55978

Dear Judge Sweeney:

We are counsel to the Springfield Board of Education (the "Board") in the above matter. We write in response to respondent Department of Education's ("DOE") June 23, 2011 letter requesting permission to file a response to the Board's opposition to the DOE's Motion to Dismiss.

Though the DOE characterizes the Board's opposition as a cross-motion, the Board has not filed a cross-motion. Rather, the Board simply reiterated its request for the same relief sought in the Complaint. The DOE has already had an opportunity to submit and argue its position before the Council through its Answer to the Board's Complaint and its Motion to Dismiss. It is the Board's respectful position that no further briefing is necessary at this point.

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Respectfully,



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