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May 30, 2018

For Complainant

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Maplewood, NJ 07040

For Respondents

Stephanie Lawson-Muhammad
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South Orange, NJ 07079

SUBJECT: WALTER FIELDS v. STEPHANIE LAWSON-MUHAMMAD, SOUTH ORANGE-MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION, ESSEX COUNTY, SCHOOL ETHICS COMMISSION DOCKET #C34-18

Dear Parties:

Please allow this correspondence to acknowledge the School Ethics Commission's (Commission) receipt of a filing by Complainant in connection with the above-captioned matter. More specifically, on May 25, 2018, Complainant filed a **Complaint** alleging violations of:

- **N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(e) and (f)**

Respondent shall have **twenty (20) days from receipt¹** of the Complaint within which to file an Answer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:28-7.1 et seq. An Answer to Complaint **must be signed under oath**, and the filing *must* include an **original and two (2) copies**. In addition, Respondent shall provide **proof of service upon Complainant** in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:28-1.7.

Alternatively, a Motion to Dismiss in Lieu of Answer may be filed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:28-8.1. Again, the filing *must* include an **original and two (2) copies**, and **proof of service upon Complainant** in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:28-1.7 must be provided.

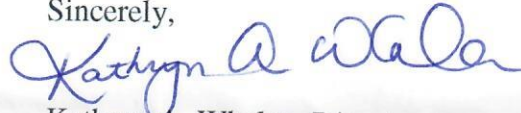
¹ "Receipt" shall be deemed to be three (3) days from the date of this notice.

All submissions must be sent to: **School Ethics Commission, c/o New Jersey Department of Education, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625.**

Subject to the exceptions set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:28-6.6(g), the Commission shall hold all information confidential regarding any pending matter until it first takes action at a public meeting to determine probable cause, or violation, or until the matter is settled, withdrawn or dismissed.

If you have any questions about this acknowledgement, please contact our office at (609) 376-9115.

Sincerely,



Kathryn A. Whalen, Director
School Ethics Commission