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Ms. Maria E. Lorenz
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Dear Ms. Lorenz:

I am in receipt of your request for records pursuant to the State's Open Public Records Act ("OPRA").

1. Your request "all the settlement entered into by the Elizabeth Public Schools with parents and guardians, From January 1, 2017, through today, relative to the provision of special education services and/or educational placement(s) for students with disabilities, redacted of all personally identifiable information" is denied. In L.R. v. Camden City Public School District, 452 N.J. Super 56 (App. Div.), the Court held that while N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. permitted access to public records, student records, were exempt: One requesting the type of records contained in your request must fall into one of the specified authorized parties with a right to access such public records, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5 (a). The Access to Student Records Code N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7 (e) (1)-(16) provides specific persons who may have access to student records. A review of your request reveals that you are not a person who would be allowed access to these records. The second avenue to access would be to obtain an order authorizing such access. Such an order did not accompany your request. This being the case, your request must be denied.

Sincerely,



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