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December 9, 2010

Dr. David G. Title, Superintendent
Fairfield Public Schools
P.O. Box 320189
501 Kings Highway East
Fairfield, CT 06825

Dear Dr. Title:

I am writing to formally notify you that the State Board of Education (the "Board"), at its meeting on December 1, 2010, reviewed the Fairfield Board of Education's (the "Fairfield Board") addendum to its racial imbalance plan and has tabled such consideration until its meeting on February 2, 2011. For your information, I have attached a copy of the Board's resolution.

The Board indicated that the Fairfield Board will need to provide in its addendum a more specific course of action to address the racial imbalance at McKinley School ("McKinley"). The Board requested detailed information on the proposed relocation of the prekindergarten program at McKinley and its potential effect on the racial balance at the school. In addition, the Board is asking the Fairfield Board to consider proposing other options that might increase the number of families participating in the opt-in/opt-out program. Finally, the Board would like to review data for the 2010 school year to determine whether changes in the federal guidelines concerning the identification of a student's race will affect the identification of the school. I understand that staff at the Department of Education will be providing data and analysis with respect to preliminary data based upon the 2010 enrollment.

In order for the Board to review the addendum to the Racial Imbalance Plan at its February meeting, the Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs will need to receive the revisions by January 14, 2011. If you have any questions regarding the Board's action, you may contact Attorney Laura Anastasio at (860)713-6512.

Sincerely,

Mark K. McQuillan
Commissioner of Education

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cc: Laura L. Anastasio, Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs

Attachment

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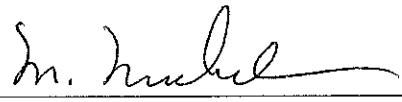
CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Hartford

TO BE PROPOSED:

December 1, 2010

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-226d of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Fairfield Board of Education's "2010 Addendum to the Plan to Address Racial Imbalance" submitted by the Fairfield Board of Education and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action to implement this resolution.

Approved to table by a vote of 10:0 this first day of December, Two Thousand Ten.

Signed: 
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary
State Board of Education