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Mr. Thomas Moshang III
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Re: Delaware Department of Education (DeDOE) Complaint:

Dear Mr. Moshang,

Please consider this letter as an amendment to my March 11, 2008, complaint against the Delaware State Department of Education, (De DOE) regarding the procedures for chartering schools in the Colonial School District that leads to the blatant segregation of students. I am requesting that you consider this as **a complaint regarding DeDOE having procedures for chartering schools that have resulted in segregated Charter Schools throughout New Castle County, Delaware.** My reasons for this include but are not limited too:


1. DeDoe is not acting in good faith with the existing complaint. Although there is a complaint pending, on January 15, 2008, the Delaware State Board of Education ("the State Board") went forward and granted three New Charter Schools, renewed two Charter Schools and expanded at least one Charter School without a scintilla of a discussion regarding diversity, existing segregated Charter Schools, and/or the potential for the establishment of additional high poverty schools that are segregated.
2. DeDOE through its own information (the school profiles) knows full well that the predominance of the schools it has chartered in New Castle County, Delaware are racially identifiable but remains silent on diversity and/or segregation when granting or renewing Charter Schools. The fact is DeDOE has authorized a "dual school system" within a re-segregated school system that DeDOE authorized under the "Neighborhood School Act". DeDOE knows full well from its own data

that all of the Neighborhood School Plans that it approved in New Castle County, Delaware, have resulted in segregated, high poverty schools throughout New Castle County, Delaware, especially within the City of Wilmington and the former DelaWarr School District.

Overall, the number of segregated regular and Charter Public Schools continues to increase in New Castle County, Delaware, in a manner that cries out for relief and I respectfully request that you consider this as an amended complaint accordingly.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Jea P. Street, Councilman
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Pc. The Honorable Jack Markell, Governor
The Honorable Matthew P. Denn, Lieutenant Governor
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Dr. Lillian Lowery, Secretary of Education
All Members of the Delaware State Board of Education
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The Honorable Christopher Coons, County Executive
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The Honorable James M. Baker, Mayor of Wilmington, Delaware
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