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Julia B. Walker, President
Westfield Board of Education
302 Elm Street
Westfield, NJ 07090

Mr. Robert Berman
Westfield Board Secretary
302 Elm Street
Westfield, NJ 07090

Dear President Walker and Secretary Berman:

This is to advise that my office has not approved the proposed contract between the Westfield Board of Education and Superintendent Margaret Dolan that was the subject of a vote by the Board on November 9, 2010.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j) and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(c), the review and approval of the proposed contract by my office must occur prior to the board approval and execution of the contract. Accordingly, since the Executive County Superintendent has not approved the proposed contract, the Board improperly approved and executed the proposed contract on November 9, 2010. I hereby direct the parties to void the agreement no later than December 15, 2010, and to advise me in writing when the proposed contract has been made void.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen M. Centuolo".

Carmen M. Centuolo, Ed.D.
Executive County Superintendent of Schools

c: Rochelle R. Hendricks
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