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Dr. Karen Downie
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Dear Dr. Downie:

I have been informed that the areas of noncompliance cited as a result of the special education compliance monitoring visit conducted on December 16, 2010 have been corrected as of August 31, 2011 by the school district. It is with pleasure that I commend you and your staff for efforts made in achieving resolution of the noncompliance areas.

Please note, if you have improvement plans that were developed as a component of the corrective action plan, they will remain open and you are required to implement the improvement plans until the specific action for those items has been completed as approved by your adviser.

As you know, compliance monitoring is required by Federal regulations to determine a local education agency's compliance with Federal and State requirements for students identified as eligible for special education. Your response to the monitoring visit and subsequent corrective action assures the continuation of improved special education services to Pennsylvania students.

The Department of Education appreciates your cooperation and the Bureau of Special Education remains available to you should you desire further assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Tommasini".

John J. Tommasini
Director