

May 20, 2013

Mr. William F. King
Superintendent
Scranton City Area SD
425 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pa 18503-1305

Dear Mr. King:

The Bureau of Special Education (BSE) recently conducted a follow up review of your school district's policies and procedures for suspending students with disabilities. This review was conducted as a follow up to federal requirements of the State Performance Plan (SPP) wherein the district was identified as having atypical suspension rates. I am pleased to report that the BSE determined that the district is complying with federal and state procedural requirements for suspending students. Therefore, there are no findings of noncompliance being issued to the district.

As you know, federal regulations require states to monitor local education agency's compliance with federal and state requirements for special education. Your response to the monitoring assures the continuation of improved special education services to Pennsylvania students. We encourage all school districts to avail themselves of technical assistance for data collection and reporting under the SPP, as well as initiatives of the BSE and PaTTAN designed to reduce suspension rates wherever possible

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,



John J. Tommasini
Director