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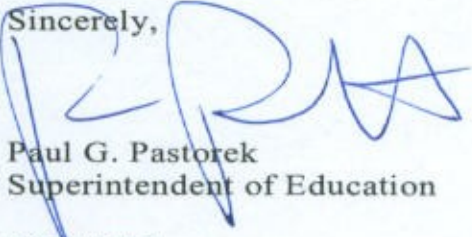
Dear Superintendent Machen:

The Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Special Populations (DSP), pursuant to fulfilling the general supervision requirements under 20 U. S. C. Section 1411 (a) and (d), conducted an on-site compliance monitoring visit regarding disproportionate representation of students with disabilities in the Bossier Parish Schools on May 18-20, 2009. The results of that visit are included in the enclosed Summary of Findings report. The results of the monitoring visit found no evidence of non-compliance.

It is recommended that the District continue implementing the activities related to disproportionality that were evident through this monitoring experience. In order to maintain compliance in all programs and services for students with disabilities, it is also the responsibility of the Bossier Parish School System to continue to monitor its progress regarding the identification of students in special education through the annual process of Special Education Self-Review.

The Department appreciates the cooperation and hospitality shown to our monitoring team during its most recent visit. We hope that the monitoring process will assist you in improving educational outcomes for students with disabilities and their families. Please contact Angela Tyrone at (225) 342-3661 if you have any questions about the content of the Summary of Findings report.

Sincerely,



Paul G. Pastorek
Superintendent of Education

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Enclosure

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