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Via Email and First Class Mail

Walter Fields, Chairman
South Orange-Maplewood Black Parents Workshop
P.O. Box 762
Maplewood, New Jersey 07040

Dear Chairman Fields:

Thank you for your June 20, 2017 correspondence to Attorney General Porrino and for raising your concerns regarding the levels of lead in water samples taken from Seth Boyden elementary school. I am referring your letter to Acting Commissioner Kimberley Harrington of the Department of Education to investigate your concerns, as her agency has primary jurisdiction over the issues you raised.

I am also referring your letter to our Division of Civil Rights ("DCR"), as you noted incidents of racial bias within the school district on page 2 of your correspondence. A representative from DCR will follow up with you at the number and email provided in your correspondence.

If you uncover any additional facts, or any evidence of criminality on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact our Division of Criminal Justice at 1-800-TIPS4CJ. Thank you again for raising your concerns.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Edwards
Executive Assistant Attorney General

