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Dear Counsel,

Please see the attached correspondence.

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Dear Acting Commissioner Dehmer:

On behalf of Bruce W. Padula, Esq., counsel to the Middletown Township Board of Education, please see the attached correspondence with Exhibits 1-8 enclosed. This firm will be representing the Board in regards to the tenure charges that are being filed against one of its teaching staff members, Daniel Rodrick. Mr. Rodrick's attorneys, Mr. Oxfeld and Mr. Burke, have been copied on this email.

A copy of the attached will be sent to your attention via Federal Express Overnight mail, as well as to Mr. Oxfeld and Mr. Burke's offices. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Padula at bpadula@cgajlaw.com or 732-583-7474 with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sydney Kennedy, Legal Assistant

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Dear Parties:

In the Matter of the Tenure Hearing of Daniel Rodrick, School District of the Township of Middletown, Monmouth County

Agency Dkt. No.: 27-1/25

Document filed by: XX Petitioner Respondent

This will acknowledge receipt of certified tenure charges filed with the Commissioner on January 30, 2025 in the above-captioned matter:

XX Tenure Charges

Respondent is required to file written response to the charges within 15 days, along with proof of service upon the Agency. N.J.A.C. 6A:3-5.3, 6A:3-5.4(f)

XX Documents submitted with phone and fax numbers.

 Answer -- Transmitting file to Arbitrator

 Other _____

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:3-5.3 and 6A:3-5.4, an individual against whom tenure charges are certified *shall have 15 days from the date such charges are filed with the Commissioner to file a written response to the charges with the Commissioner.* Upon written application by the charged party, submitted within the 15-day answer period and served on the charging entity, the Commissioner may extend the answer period for good cause shown. Failure to answer within the prescribed period where no extension has been applied for and granted, or submission by the charged employee of a responsive filing indicating that s/he does not contest the charges, will result in the charges being deemed admitted by the charged employee.

A REVIEW OF THE PLEADINGS REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED. PLEASE NOTE AND FILE WITH THIS OFFICE:

 No proof of service upon employee and employee's representative (N.J.A.C. 6A:3-5.1(a)).

 Other _____

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Jennifer Simons, Director
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