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Dear Chancellor Rosa and NYS Board of Regents,

RE: Special Education Work Group

This letter will serve as a follow-up to our June 15, 2016 letter, and your September 27, 2016 e-mail response to us. We value the comments from NYS Board of Regents Secretary, Tony Lofrumento, that the Board of Regents appreciates our perspective and concern, and that you will strongly consider a work group dedicated to our Special Education students.

Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools is requesting an update on this important request. We reiterate our distress over the decision of the Board of Regents to discontinue this committee, given the fact that there are nearly a half a million children in New York State with disabilities who receive Special Education services. As you know, state level autonomy is now increasing due to federal actions. This request is more important than ever.

We strongly urge you to reinstate a Special Education committee or workgroup to ensure that this large population of young New Yorkers is not forgotten.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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