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VIA REGULAR MAIL AND E-MAIL

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**RE: Swedesboro-Woolwich School District Board of Education
Issues Concerning Open Public Meetings Act**

Dear Mr. Curwin:

Please be advised that this firm serves as solicitor for the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District Board of Education ("Board"). We are in receipt of John Paff's May 29, 2014 email to you, wherein he alleged that the Board violated the Open Public Meetings Act ("OPMA").

Since our firm was appointed in January, 2014, we have been working with the Board and the Administration to implement best-practice policies and procedures in the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District. Among those best practices, steps have been taken to ensure that the Board is in full compliance with the necessary requirements of OPMA, including the use of comprehensive resolutions for executive session and the recording of minutes for all sessions of the Board. We have also worked with the Board and Administration to address and cure any issues that may have previously existed, including the preparation and approval of executive session minutes that may have inadvertently not been formally recorded.

As Mr. Paff acknowledged in his correspondence, he has no basis to allege that any intentional violations of OPMA occurred. In that regard, in order for a matter involving OPMA to be ripe for the involvement by the County Prosecutor, there must be a showing of a knowing violation of OPMA. No such intentional or knowing violation of any applicable law occurred here. Accordingly, we do not believe that this matter warrants any intervention by your office.

However, we are happy to discuss the matter with you, including the implementation of the best-practice procedures to ensure the Board's full compliance with applicable law.

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If you should have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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c: John Paff (via email)
Michael Griggel, School Business Administrator (via email)