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Dr. Thomas Ficarra, Superintendent
 South Orange Maplewood School District
 525 Academy Street
 Maplewood, NJ 07040

Dear Dr. Ficarra:

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:30, the South Orange Maplewood School District has undergone the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review. In order to determine the scope of your district's onsite evaluation, Department staff reviewed your self-assessment documents (Statement of Assurance and District Performance Review) and analyzed district performance against critical indicators in all five NJQSAC areas. As a result, the Executive County Superintendent and team conducted an evaluation in the area of instruction and program, fiscal management and governance. Based on that review, the district has been placed on a continuum in five areas: instruction and program, fiscal management, governance, operations and personnel. The complete NJQSAC results, including county office verification of the district's self-assessment, are enclosed. The placement scores are listed below:

QSAC Areas	Initial Placement
Instruction and Program	82%
Fiscal Management	100%
Governance	100%
Operations	100%
Personnel	100%

These placement results will be provided to the State Board of Education at an upcoming meeting. Please be advised that QSAC regulations require your board of education to report these placement results at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-4.1(f), if you believe that any indicators were scored incorrectly, you have seven days from the receipt of this letter to submit a written reconsideration request. Email your request to qsac@doe.state.nj.us.

I am pleased to inform you that your district has satisfied at least 80% of the weighted indicators in each of the five areas of the QSAC review process and has been designated as "high performing." The Commissioner will recommend to the State Board of Education that your district be certified as providing a thorough and efficient system of education, for a period of three years or until the next QSAC review. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Bumpus
 Assistant Commissioner
 Division of Field Services

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 Enclosures
 c: Joseph Zarra