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Jeff Samaniego, Superintendent
Lower Township Elementary School District
905 Seashore Road
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Dear Mr. Samaniego:

Pursuant to the requirements of *N.J.A.C. 6A:30*, the Lower Township Elementary School District (District) has undergone the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review. The Cape May Executive Superintendent and team conducted a review of the District's self-assessment on the district performance review (DPR) to verify the District's compliance with the five areas of NJQSAC: Instruction and Program, Fiscal Management, Governance, Operations and Personnel. Based on the review, the school district has been placed on the continuum of NJQSAC with the following placement scores for each area:

NJQSAC Areas	Initial Placement (May 2024)
Instruction and Program	67%
Fiscal Management	96%
Governance	92%
Operations	98%
Personnel	100%

These placement results will be presented to the State Board of Education at an upcoming meeting. Please be advised that NJQSAC regulations require the District Board of Education to report these placement results at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

The District did not satisfy at least 80% of the indicators in Instruction and Program, therefore, regulations require the District to create a district improvement plan (DIP) to address all noncompliant areas of the DPR. Attached are instructions for developing the DIP. The deadline for submission of the DIP and accompanying board approval is July 17, 2024

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:30-4.1*, if it is believed that any indicators were scored incorrectly, the District has seven days from the receipt of this letter to submit a written reconsideration request and supporting documentation. Email your request and accompanying documents to gsac@doe.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

A. Robert Gregory
Executive Director
Division of Field Support and Services

AG:CS: /Lower Township Elementary/initial review

Enclosures

c: Dr. Judith DeStefano, Executive County Superintendent