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Re: *Donald Carl Hodge, Jr. v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Michael Gaudet*, Docket No. 679930, Division 23, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana

Dear Philip:

In furtherance of our recent telephone conference, please accept this correspondence as confirmation of the settlement in the referenced matter. In order to resolve any and all disputes existing between Mr. Hodge and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board ("School Board") relating to the January 17, 2019 public meeting of the School Board, and to avoid further delay, expense, and uncertainty, the School Board has agreed to compromise this matter in exchange for a full dismissal of the above referenced lawsuit, with prejudice, against all defendants.

The School Board has agreed to hold another election for its vice-president this Thursday, April 18, 2019, permitting the ability for public comment on the election. The School Board further agrees to pay the sum of one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and no cents (\$1,750.00) plus the sum of six hundred eighty five dollars and thirty cents (\$685.30) in ledger costs, for a total of two thousand four hundred thirty-five dollars and thirty cents (\$2,435.30) made payable to Donald Hodge and your firm. This sum is all-inclusive, covering all amounts that may be due Mr. Hodge pursuant to any statute or rule, including for attorney fees, costs, and any damages sought from the School Board and/or Michael Gaudet. This settlement is made without any admission of liability.

We understand that you deposited \$760.00 with the Suit Accounting department at the 19th Judicial District Court, and thus the balance of \$74.70 will be reimbursed to you once the suit is dismissed. The School Board will pay the filing fee for the Motion and Order to Dismiss.

Please countersign this letter and return it to our office confirming the agreement. Upon receipt of your firm W9 and confirmation of check instructions, we will proceed promptly with having the settlement check issued. We will also provide you with a Receipt and Release Agreement and draft Motion and Order to Dismiss.

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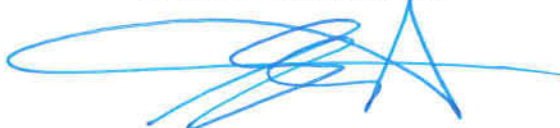
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We thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

PHELPS DUNBAR LLP



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cc: Gwynn Shamlin, General Counsel

Please sign to indicate agreement on behalf of your client and return to our office:

Date

Agreed upon by Philip House,
Counsel for Plaintiff, Donald House