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Ms. Betsy Combier
315 East 65th Street, 4C
New York, New York 10021

Chancellor's Referral# 02/1557
OSI Case# 2002/6846

Dear Ms. Combier:

On behalf of Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Chancellor Joel I. Klein I would like to thank you for your letter that, brings to light very serious concerns for the safety of your children. These allegations are very serious and after a careful review of the matter I can assure you that you and your children are safe from any repercussions by Department of Education employees.

I would like to also thank you for bringing to light the many serious allegations you have in the past.

If in the future I can be of assistance to you please call me at 718-935-5858.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas W. Hyland".

Thomas W. Hyland
Deputy Director

Cc: Joel I. Klein