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Dear Dr. Petska:

This is in response to your February 6, 2012 letter to me, and your follow-up e-mail messages to my staff dated April 30, 2012 and June 18, 2012. In that letter and the e-mail messages, you responded to a December 1, 2011 letter to me from the Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations. In your correspondence, you outlined the actions that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has taken to ensure that local educational agencies in Wisconsin comply with the requirements of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regarding local maintenance of effort. Those requirements are in section 613(a)(2)(A) (iii), (B) and (C) of the IDEA and its implementing regulations in 34 CFR §§300.203 through 300.205.

Enclosed are copies of my replies to the January 30, 2012 letter from Congresswoman Gwen Moore, and the December 1, 2011 letter from the Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations, regarding these issues.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures