



U.S. Department of Justice

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By Certified Mail

Re: Review of Nassau County School District Elections'
Compliance With Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act

Dear Superintendent

We write to inform you that the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York (the USAO) is conducting a preliminary review into the compliance of the School District with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 52 U.S.C. § 10503. The Department of Justice, of which the USAO is a part, has responsibility for enforcing Section 203. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 10504. Section 203 provides, among other things, that "[w]henver any State or political subdivision [covered by the section] provides any registration or voting notices, forms, instructions, assistance, or other materials or information relating to the electoral process, including ballots, it shall provide them in the language of the applicable minority group as well as in the English language." 52 U.S.C. § 10503(c). The Census Bureau has designated Nassau County as a covered jurisdiction for Spanish. *See* 81 Fed. Reg. 87532 (December 5, 2016). As a political subdivision of Nassau County, the school district is subject to the requirements of Section 203 for the Spanish language. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 55.9.

Please note that our request for information does not reflect any pre-determination. It is directed at determining the extent to which your school district complies with Section 203 during its school board elections. Accordingly, in order to be fair and thorough, we will consider all relevant information, including your responses to the initial requests for production of documents and information below, to which we ask you to respond within 30 days of this letter. Unless otherwise stated, all requests seek documents in English and Spanish through the date of your response and relate to the most recent school board elections held on May 15, 2018:

1. Provide the link to the school district's official website.
2. Please describe how voters are registered to vote in school board elections, and what are the eligibility requirements for voting in school board elections. Provide copies of all

documents and/or links to websites informing individuals how to register for school board elections. Please provide a copy of a voter registration form.

3. Identify the official(s) responsible for maintaining voter registration rolls and supervising school board elections.
4. Provide copies of all documents and links to websites setting forth eligibility requirements for candidates to the school board.
5. Provide copies of voter guides, legal notices, copies of any propositions and budget matters, candidate statements, ads, mailings, newsletters, emails and other relevant media issued by the school board to publicize the election and inform voters of how, where and when to vote and all other official documents distributed before elections.
6. Provide copies of official, sample, absentee, and affidavit ballots.
7. If the school board organizes candidates' meetings for the public, please provide all materials, including announcements, relating to those meetings. State whether the school district provides Spanish language interpreters at those meetings.
8. Provide any information made available in the voting booth or at the polling place(s), including instructions on the casting of a ballot, on the day of the election.
9. State whether the district provided election officials able to understand, speak, write and read Spanish proficiently to provide assistance to Spanish speaking voters. If so, please indicate the number of such officials and how they were assigned on the day of the election.

Please send the documents and information to the following:

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Wherever possible, please provide all responsive documents scanned onto an electronic memory device (CD-ROMs, DVD, etc.). For all documents or files produced in electronic form, please identify the software program and version required to read the file and provide any explanatory information necessary to understand the structure of the file (in the case of databases, for example). If the documents requested cannot be made available in electronic format, please provide hard copies. Please provide a complete and itemized listing of all documents produced.

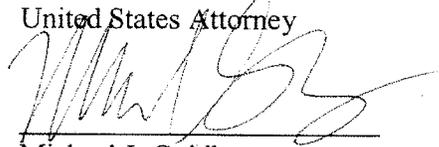
Please feel free to provide any other documents that are not specifically requested but which you would like this Office to consider. If any documents or information requested do not

exist, please state so affirmatively in writing or provide any other documents that contain substantially the same information.

Very truly yours,

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