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FROM: Stephen W. Townsend, Esq.

RE: M-283-07 Abbott v. Burke

I enclose a copy of the Supreme Court decision in the above matter, which is being filed.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen W. Townsend", written in dark ink.

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Enclosure

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RAYMOND ARTHUR ABBOTT, a
minor, by his Guardian Ad
Litem, FRANCES ABBOTT; ARLENE
FIGUEROA, FRANCES FIGUEROA,
HECTOR FIGUEROA, ORLANDO
FIGUEROA and VIVIAN FIGUEROA,
minors, by their Guardian Ad
Litem, BLANCA FIGUEROA;
MICHAEL HADLEY, a minor, by
his Guardian Ad Litem, LOLA
MOORE; HENRY STEVENS, JR., a
minor, by his Guardian Ad
Litem, HENRY STEVENS, SR.;
CAROLINE JAMES and JERMAINE
JAMES, minors, by their
Guardian Ad Litem, MATTIE
JAMES; DORIAN WAITERS and
KHUDAYJA WAITERS, minors, by
their Guardian Ad Litem, LYNN
WAITERS; CHRISTINA KNOWLES,
DANIEL KNOWLES, and GUY
KNOWLES, JR., minors, by their
Guardian Ad Litem, GUY
KNOWLES, SR.; LIANA DIAZ, a
minor, by her Guardian Ad
Litem, LUCILA DIAZ; AISHA
HARGROVE and ZAKIA HARGROVE,
minors, by their Guardian Ad
Litem, PATRICIA WATSON; and
LAMAR STEPHENS and LESLIE
STEPHENS, minors, by their
Guardian Ad Litem, EDDIE
STEPHENS,

Plaintiffs-Movants,

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v.

FRED G. BURKE, Commissioner of Education; EDWARD G. HOFGESANG, NEW JERSEY DIRECTOR OF BUDGET and ACCOUNTING; CLIFFORD A. GOLDMAN, NEW JERSEY STATE TREASURER; AND NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Defendants-Respondents.

This matter having come before the Court on the application of plaintiffs for an Order in aid of litigants' rights pursuant to Rule 1:10-3 and Rule 2:8-1;

And plaintiffs having sought an Order directing respondents to comply with certain specified decisions of the Court, Abbott v. Burke, 153 N.J. 480 (1998) ["Abbott V"], Abbott v. Burke, 164 N.J. 84 (2000) ["Abbott VII"], Abbott v. Burke, 185 N.J. 612 (2005) ["Abbott XIV"], Abbott v. Burke, 193 N.J. 34 (2007) ["Abbott XVII"]; and the Education Facilities Construction and Financing Act, ("EFCFA") in respect of the provision of funds necessary to construct or repair school facilities in certain of New Jersey's school districts ("Abbott districts");

And the Governor having established an Interagency Working Group on School Construction, Executive Order No. 3, 38 N.J.R. 1263(b) (Feb. 7, 2006), which recommended that \$2.5 billion be

