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Hon. Diane Gujarati  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: *Alexander et al. v. Sutton et al.*  
24-cv-02224 (DG)(JRC)

Dear Judge Gujarati:

This office represents Defendants New York City Department of Education (“DOE”), DOE Chancellor David C. Banks, and DOE Equity Compliance Officer Nina Mickens (collectively “DOE Defendants”), and the CEC 14 Defendants in this action.<sup>1</sup> I write in connection with Plaintiffs’ filing of earlier today - “Notice re: Preliminary Injunction.” (ECF No. 55, and 55-1 through 55-9).

It bears noting that Plaintiffs filed their “Notice” and supporting papers today, well-knowing that Ms. Doll, the attorney from this office assigned to this matter, is on vacation until July 25 (*see* ECF No. 55-9, email from Ms. Doll noting “I will be on vacation from 7/12 until 7/25”). This timing is suspicious and significant, given that Ms. Doll is not available to respond to the various representations in Plaintiffs’ papers of counsels’ dealings with Ms. Doll, as well as Plaintiffs’ suggestion that she engaged in some bad faith or wrongful conduct. Accordingly, we respectfully request until July 30 to allow Ms. Doll to respond to Plaintiffs’ filing.

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<sup>1</sup> The CEC 14 Defendants refers to CEC 14, and CEC 14 former President Tajh Sutton and CEC 14 Vice President Marissa Manzanares in their official capacities.

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: All counsel of record  
(via ECF)