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RE:                   Waiving Resolution Sessions

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Effective immediately, whenever a parent or parent representative waives a resolution session, DCPS will also waive the resolution session. This policy is a requirement under the Blackman Jones Alternative Dispute Resolution agreement entered into on December 10, 2007.

This policy will remain in force until such time as a working policy on effectively utilizing the resolution session procedure is in place as described in the agreement. We will advise you when that occurs and when this waiver procedure is no longer in effect.

If you have any questions please contact Carla D. Watson, Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of the Chancellor, at [carla.watson@dc.gov](mailto:carla.watson@dc.gov).

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Sandman".

James J. Sandman  
General Counsel

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