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Washington, D.C. 20530*

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

The Honorable Jason S. Miyares
Attorney General of Virginia
202 North 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel., Jason S. Miyares, Attorney General v. Fairfax County Public Schools*

Dear Attorney General Miyares:

Thank you for your referral of this matter to the Department of Justice. As we understand your correspondence and report, the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia has found reasonable cause to believe that Fairfax County Public Schools and the administration of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology discriminated against Asian American students on the basis of race.

As you have suggested, my office will work in coordination with the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to determine whether Fairfax County Public Schools has violated its obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by using race in its admissions decision process, among other impermissible acts, errors, and omissions. Additionally, I have directed my office to review this matter to determine whether the actions in question also violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

My office and I look forward to working with you. We also appreciate your trust and confidence. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harmeet K. Dhillon", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Harmeet K. Dhillon
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