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COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHRIDGE

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING APPEALS

BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION MATTERS



[CASE CAPTION]

<PLAINTIFF> MORGAN DELANEY OBO HER DAUGHTER,
LILA DELANEY,

Plaintiff, <Plaintiff(s)>

[Depending on the type of hearing, the party may be referred to as the Plaintiff, Claimant, Grievant, Obligor, Petitioner, or another appropriate designation. Be sure to use the correct term based on the context of the case.]

<Case Number>

v.

Case/Index No: 84512

<DEFENDANT> HARBOR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Defendant. <Defendant(s)>

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HEARING BEFORE IHO ADRIAN K. MONROE

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<BEFORE FIRST AND LAST NAME, JUDGE>

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[The title and designation of a judge can vary by state,

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and certain proceedings may involve more than one

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judge.]

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DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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<Day of Week, Month Day, Year>

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START TIME: 9:15 a.m., ET

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END TIME: 12:48 p.m., ET

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REMOTE LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

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PROCEEDINGS OFFICER: Dana Whitlock, CER-3098

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HEARING APPEARANCES PAGE

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[Voir dire may or may not occur. It is the process of questioning to assess the admissibility of evidence and whether it should be entered into the record. Additionally, voir dire can be conducted to evaluate the competence of a witness or determine whether an expert is qualified to provide testimony.]

[REPEAT ABOVE FOR FURTHER WITNESSES]

1 INDEX OF ADMITTED EXHIBITS

2 [Insert one of the following parentheticals as needed:]

3 (none marked)

4 (available for download)

5 (retained by the arbitrator)

6 (retained by counsel)

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8 DISTRICT'S EXHIBITS

9 NO.	DESCRIPTION	PAGE
10 D1	Due process complaint, dated 2/12/2026	12
11 D2	Response to due process complaint,	12
12	dated 2/26/2026	

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14 [If one or more exhibits are marked, the 'INDEX OF
15 EXHIBITS' should appear on a separate page.]

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17 [If no exhibits are marked, use the parenthetical '(none
18 marked)' and place the 'INDEX OF EXHIBITS' on the same
19 page as the 'INDEX OF TESTIMONY.']

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21 [This page is reserved exclusively for exhibits that
22 have been admitted.]

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9 PARENT'S EXHIBITS

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11	P1	Letter from Lakeshore Development	26	26
12		Center		
13	P2	Evaluation report (11/5/2025)	26	26
14	P3	Report card (Q1 2026-2027)	26	26

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18 have both been identified and admitted.]

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 23 this page from the transcript.]

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HEARING PROCEEDINGS PAGE

P R O C E E D I N G S

THE PROCEEDINGS OFFICER: Good morning.

We're now on the record. Today's date is April 14, 2026, and the time is approximately 9:14 a.m., Eastern Time.

[3 tabs in for colloquy]

Hearing Officer Monroe.

IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

Good morning, everyone. I am IHO Adrian K. Monroe <Impartial Hearing Officer's Name>, spelled A-D-R-I-A-N K. M-O-N-R-O-E.

Today is April 14, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. We are here for a due process hearing in the matter of Lila Delaney, last name D-E-L-A-N-E-Y. It is Case Number 784512.

[3 tabs in for new paragraph of colloquy]

At this time, can I please have appearances with the spelling of the first and last name, starting with the district? Thank you.

MR. KENSINGTON: Yes. Daniel, D-A-N-I-E-L, Kensington, K-E-N-S-I-N-G-T-O-N, Carter Blake & Associates, attorney for the school district.

MS. TURNER: Sofia Turner, S-O-F-I-A T-U-R-N-E-R, Director of Student Services for the district.

1 [Two spaces after punctuation (period, question mark,
2 colon)]

3 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
4 Welcome.

5 And for the parent?

6 MS. PIERCE: Amanda L. Pierce, A-M-A-N-D-A
7 L as in Lynn, Pierce, P-I-E-R-C-E, staff attorney at
8 Midstate Legal Advocacy Group for the parent and
9 student, Morgan and Lila Delaney.

10 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

11 MS. DELANEY: I'm Morgan Delaney, M-O-R-G-
12 A-N D-E-L-A-N-E-Y, and I am the mother of Lila Delaney.

13 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Thank you very
14 much. Welcome.

15 Blah blah blah.

16 Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.

17 [Insert the sworn interpreter statement below when an
18 interpreter has been duly sworn.]

19 WHEREUPON,

20 I N T E R P R E T E R N A M E ,

21 the interpreter was duly sworn.

22 MR. KENSINGTON: Okay. And the witnesses
23 the district intends to call are: Sofia, S-O-F-I-A,
24 Turner, T-U-R-N-E-R, Director of Student Services;
25 Marcus, M-A-R-C-U-S, Ellery, E-L-L-E-R-Y, speech-

1 language pathologist; Olivia, O-L-I-V-I-A, Bennett, B-E-
2 N-N-E-T-T, school psychologist.

3 Nathan, N-A-T-H-A-N, Cole, C-O-L-E,
4 occupational therapist; Brianna, B-R-I-A-N-N-A, Shaw, S-
5 H-A-W, special education teacher; Lauren, L-A-U-R-E-N,
6 Diaz, D-I-A-Z, general education teacher.

7 I've listed all of them. Yes. And those
8 are all the witnesses we intend to call.

9 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Thank you very
10 much.

11 MS. PIERCE: Any objections to the
12 district's exhibits or potential witnesses?

13 MS. PIERCE: No.

14 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Was
15 that a no?

16 MS. PIERCE: That was a no. Yes.

17 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank
18 you. Just want to make sure I heard you.

19 All right. Very well. So, for the
20 record, I'm going to admit into evidence all of the
21 district's exhibits.

22 [Exhibit Parenthetical]

23 [1 tab in for all parentheticals]

24 (District's Exhibit 1 admitted into evidence.)

25 (District's Exhibit 2 admitted into evidence.)

1 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Wonderful.

2 All right. Okay. All right. Let's proceed with the
3 district's case-in-chief. District? Who is your first
4 witness?

5 MR. KENSINGTON: Yes. The district's
6 first witness will be Sofia Turner.

7 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Wonderful.

8 Ms. Turner, welcome.

9 MS. TURNER: Good morning.

10 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Good morning.

11 Good morning. All right. I need to swear you in, so at
12 this time, please raise your right hand.

13 Do you swear or affirm that the testimony
14 you're about to give in this hearing will be the truth,
15 the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

16 MS. TURNER: Yes.

17 [Insert the sworn statement below when a witness has
18 been duly sworn.]

19 WHEREUPON,

20 S O F I A T U R N E R ,

21 <W I T N E S S N A M E ,>

22 having been called as a witness, being duly sworn by the
23 <notary public/judge/clerk> present, testified as
24 follows:

25 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Thank you very

1 much.

2 All right. Mr. Kensington, your witness.

3 MR. KENSINGTON: Okay.

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 <Examination Header centered>

6 [The examination headers may include any of the
7 following: DIRECT EXAMINATION, CROSS-EXAMINATION,
8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION, RECROSS EXAMINATION, FURTHER
9 DIRECT EXAMINATION, FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION, FURTHER
10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION, FURTHER RECROSS EXAMINATION.

11 Please select the correct and appropriate examination
12 header.]

13 [Also hearings may begin with a continued examination.
14 In such cases, '(CONT'D)' should be added after the type
15 of examination, e.g., 'DIRECT EXAMINATION (CONT'D).']

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17 BY MR. KENSINGTON:

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19 colon]

20 [1 tab before and after A; A without period or
21 colon]

22 Q Good morning. Ms. Turner, can you please state
23 your name again for the record?

24 A Certainly. Sofia Turner.

25 Q Blah blah blah.

1 A Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.

2 Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.

3 [2 tabs in for new paragraph in Q/A]

4 MS. PIERCE: Yes. I would like to take a

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6 MR. KENSINGTON: Yes. Can we have a brief
7 break? I just need a moment.

8 MS. PIERCE: Yes, and I'd also like to
9 confer with my client.

10 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Certainly.
11 Would 10 minutes be sufficient?

12 THE PROCEEDINGS OFFICER: Hearing no
13 objection, I will go off the record at 10:52 a.m.,
14 Eastern Time.

15 [1 tab in for all parentheticals]

16 (Off the record.) <Off The Record Parenthetical>

17 THE PROCEEDINGS OFFICER: We are back on
18 the record at 11:05 a.m., Eastern Time.

19 Proceed.

20 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: All right. We
21 are back on the record. Let's proceed with the cross-
22 examination.

23 Ms. Pierce, you may proceed.

24 MS. PIERCE: Thank you.

25 CROSS-EXAMINATION

1 [Examination header centered]

2 BY MS. PIERCE:

3 Q I just have a few questions for you.

4 A Of course.

5 Q Could you please state and spell your name
6 again for the record?

7 A Sofia Turner, S-O-F-I-A T-U-R-N-E-R.

8 Blah, blah, blah.

9 Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.

10 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Just so
11 everyone is aware, if the third hearing date proceeds as
12 scheduled on April 22nd, you will both likely want a
13 copy of the transcript in order to prepare your written
14 submissions.

15 I do not intend to delay the matter
16 unnecessarily. I will allow a reasonable amount of time
17 to obtain the transcript and submit written closings,
18 but please understand that extended adjournments will
19 not be granted.

20 MR. KENSINGTON: Understood.

21 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Please review
22 your schedules and advise me tomorrow.

23 MR. KENSINGTON: Certainly. Thank you.

24 IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

25 THE PROCEEDINGS OFFICER: Hearing no

1 objection, the record is closed at 12:48 p.m., Eastern
2 Time.

3 (Proceedings concluded at 12:48 p.m., ET)

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