



# Lakewood Board of Education

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## **RE: Office of Legislative Services (OLS) Report**

Dear Dr. Allen-McMillan:

I hope you are doing well!

As you may or may not be aware, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) has been auditing the Lakewood School District for the past two (2) years.

Please find attached, a copy of the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) report by David Kaschak, State Auditor, dated July 7, 2023, which clearly states:

“The Lakewood School District may be considered a district confronted by severe fiscal distress and ***could benefit from the creation of an additional state aid*** category similar to commercial valuation stabilization aid.”

“Ocean County, specifically the Lakewood school district, could benefit from the establishment of a commission similar to the Monmouth Ocean Educational Service Commission (MOESC) and the Union County Commission (UCESC) for its nonpublic student population” (Such as the LSTA).

For your convenience, I have also attached, an ***updated PowerPoint titled, Lakewood Compared to Atlantic City***, which was initially created in 2017.

Let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (732) 905-3633.



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Respectfully,

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