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From: Felicia Walker [<mailto:WalkerF@fortmillschools.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 2:41 PM
To: Pisarik, Holly
Subject: RE: Emma Gillespie

Hi Mrs. Pisarik. I remember and I sent the information on March 8, but based on this email I realize that the email address that I used was incorrect. I never received a message that it was undeliverable; therefore, I apologize. As I stated in our conversation, the attached information does not refer to policy about hand scheduling. You won't find this in any school's policy. The information references our district's prerequisite.

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From: Pisarik, Holly [<mailto:HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Felicia Walker <WalkerF@fortmillschools.org>
Subject: Emma Gillespie

Hi Ms. Walker,

It was nice talking to you about my daughter's scheduling for next year. When we spoke early last week, you were going to e-mail me a copy of the policy that day that you were relying upon to deny my scheduling request.

Just a reminder – Emma's 8th grade teachers recommended her for honors physical science in 9th grade, but despite her teachers' belief that Emma is capable of the work, I was told at the IGP meeting and again by you that Emma could not enroll in honors physical science because by policy the school could not guarantee a child a certain schedule or class sequence. I understand that Algebra I is a prerequisite for physical science, and I am not requesting an exception to this policy. As you will recall, I requested that Emma be scheduled for Algebra I first semester of 9th grade in order to complete the pre-requisite, and then be scheduled for honors physical science second semester of 9th grade. As I explained, I, along with Emma's teachers, believe it is in Emma's best interest to be in the class that most closely aligns with her ability and that allows her the most class options as she progresses through high school.

I look forward to receiving a copy of the policy. Thanks again for your help.

Thanks, Holly

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