

# GREEN BROOK ACADEMY

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May 22, 2014

Dr. Patrick Martin  
Superintendent  
Union Township Board of Education  
2369 Morris Avenue  
P.O. Box 3139  
Union, New Jersey 07083

Dear Dr. Martin:

To better serve the students from your district, I am asking that your board of education not require us to charge your students for reduced and/or paid meals.

Effective July 1, 2007, code allows such an exception (N.J. 6A:23A-18.5(a)20 iii). This will not alter the tuition cost to you for any child/children sent to Green Brook Academy.

I am requesting that a resolution consistent with N.J. 6A:23A-18.5(a)20 iii be passed by your board prior to July 1, 2014. Such a resolution might read as either of the two examples provided below:

**BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.5, the Board of Education of Union does not require Green Brook Academy to apply for and receive funding from the Child Nutrition Program for the 2014-15 school year.**

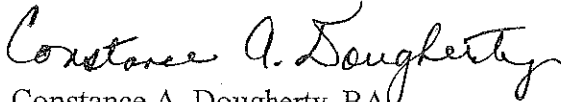
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Code requires that 51% of the school districts that have contracted to send students to a private school in a given fiscal year must pass such a resolution for that school to be in compliance. We are also required to demonstrate that this agreement has been accomplished prior to the upcoming school year, or prior to July 1, 2014.

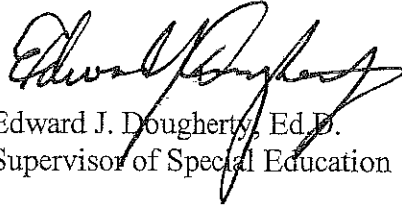
Having been a Director of Special Services, I fully understand how busy you are, particularly at the end of the school year. However, I would greatly appreciate your help in passing this resolution and forwarding us a copy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at (732) 469-8677 or email at [cdougherty@greenbrookacademy.com](mailto:cdougherty@greenbrookacademy.com)

Sincerely,



Constance A. Dougherty, BA  
Director



Edward J. Dougherty, Ed.D.  
Supervisor of Special Education

15. The yearly cost of a lease for a vehicle in excess of the maximum depreciation allowed in any given year without regard to special deductions allowed by the Internal Revenue Code under Section 280F(a)(1)(A) (for example: \$ 4,100 for second year can be applied to all years of the lease) including the amortization of the lease down payment over the term of the lease. This applies to any passenger vehicle not used for transporting students or supplies without regard to the weight class exceptions under 280F(d)(5)(A);

16. An investment expense associated with the purchase/sale of stock, securities, other investment instruments or other investments not associated with the education of disabled children;

17. Total costs in excess of \$ 1,000 incurred for entertainment expenses;

18. The cost of food/beverages in excess of \$ 3,000 for activities such as, but not limited to staff meetings, parent/teacher meetings, workshops and professional development seminars for parents or teachers;

19. The cost of a fine or penalty which results from a violation of, or failure by, the school to comply with a Federal, State and/or local law or rule;

20. The cost of meals:

i. For students when the meals do not meet the nutritional requirements of the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture;

ii. Effective July 1, 2007, for students when a non-profit approved private school for students with disabilities has not applied for and received funding from the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture except when the private school has received, on an annual basis prior to the start of the fiscal year, school board resolutions from a majority of the school districts that have contracted to send students to the private school in that fiscal year, which resolves the district board of education does not require the private school to apply for and receive funding from the Child Nutrition Program (CNP);

iii. Effective July 1, 2007, for students when the approved private school for students with disabilities has not charged students for paid and reduced meals in accordance with the income eligibility criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture except when the private school has received, on an annual basis prior to the start of the fiscal year, school board resolutions from a majority of the school districts that have contracted to send students to the private school in that fiscal year, which resolves the district board of education does not require the private school to charge students for a reduced and/or paid meal; and

iv. For staff except as allowable in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.5(a)18;

21. The cost of keyman insurance except where a term insurance policy is required by a lender as collateral for a loan;

22. The cost of an employee's life insurance coverage, both term and whole life policies, in excess of 3.5 times their gross salary;

23. Fringe benefits:

i. When the benefits are determined in an arbitrary or capricious manner including, but not limited to, class of employee whether by title or position rather than on an existing written uniform policy based on an equitable standard of distribution, such as years of service or education. The criteria cannot be