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Dear Mr. Kummings,

Thank you for your request for designation as a choice district and for meeting with us on May 5, 2020, to discuss the specific circumstances affecting student enrollment and funding for Wildwood Public Schools.

I regret to inform you that your request has been denied. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has not opened the district application process since the 2014-2015 school year because State funding has not been available for expanding the number of choice districts and choice seats.

Thank you again for the report that you provided and for sharing the input of sending districts – the data and feedback that we receive directly from school districts are vital as we continually evaluate the choice program and plan for its future.

In the future, if a decision is made to accept district applications for expansion of the choice program, we will notify you along with other districts throughout the state. Please keep in mind that choice districts begin the student application process in the fall of the school year preceding the year in which choice students enroll.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessani Gordon".

Jessani Gordon, Director  
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