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February 17, 2026

Mr. Nicholas R. DeMauro, Executive Director  
Law Enforcement Against Drugs, Inc.  
5 South Main Street  
Allentown, NJ 08501

**Re: Approval of Overnight Travel Waiver for 2026 Conference**

Dear Mr DeMauro:

The New Jersey Department of Education has reviewed your request submitted on behalf of the Law Enforcement Against Drugs, Inc. (L.E.A.D.) seeking a waiver of the in-state overnight travel restriction to support the Annual Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, scheduled for June 1 – 4, 2026.

Under N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.11, and the State Department of Treasury OMB Circular 16-11, reimbursement for in-state overnight travel is generally prohibited. However, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.11(c), exceptions may be granted for events that are broad and multidisciplinary in scope, comprised of content-rich educational programming, and offer important professional development opportunities or required training. After carefully reviewing your submission, **it has been determined that the conference meets these criteria and is hereby approved.**

**Waiver Approval Details:**

- **Overnight lodging reimbursement** is approved for June 1, 2, 3, 2026 **only**.
- Reimbursement is limited to attendees whose **one-way commute exceeds 50 miles**.
- **Registration fees, mileage, and meals** may be reimbursed per the OMB Circulars 20-04 and 16-11.
- Districts must ensure attendance is limited to staff whose roles align with the conference's purpose or continuing education requirements.

We appreciate L.E.A.D.'s commitment to advancing education and wish you a successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lily Laux', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Lily Laux  
Acting Commissioner

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c: Senior Staff  
Executive County Superintendent