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April 8, 2008

Mr. Joseph Warren
7 Ithaca Court
Aberdeen, NJ 07747

RE: JOHN BARBATO

Dear Mr. Warren:

It has been brought to my attention that on April 21, 2008, you have caused to be published on your website false and liabliss statements concerning Mr. Barbato with respect to his position on the Matawan Borough Board of Education.

- 1) You have falsely accused Mr. Barbato of not attending a meeting that was a planned debate, which was moderated by the League of Women Voters, which was held for Candidates. You are aware Mr. Barbato is not a Candidate for re-election and had not been invited to that meeting.
- 2) You talk about the damage Mr. Barbato has done to the district in his "insane grab for power at the expense of the people."
- 3) You also accuse him of providing patronage jobs, which is false and unfounded.
- 4) Further, you accused him of crossing the line "in his latest fundraising attempt" and you posted an email Mrs. Rubino sent out knowing that he had nothing to with that.
- 5) Finally, you accuse falsely accused him that "he uses the school district as a personal playground," without providing any grounds to support the accusation.

At the time that you published the Website, you knew that the statements were unfounded, false and you have entertained serious doubt as to the truth thereof.

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With respect to all of the above, you acted with reckless disregard for the standards of truth and veracity ordinarily followed by a responsible person.

As a result of the false and misleading information contained in your website, Mr. Barbato has been liabled, held up to ridicule and Mr. Barbato's reputation has been greatly damaged.

THEREFORE, THIS IS TO PUT YOU ON NOTICE that you are to immediately cease and desist from any further actions against Mr. Barbato.

Very truly yours,


GERARD A. DEL TUFO

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cc Mr. Barbato