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News Release

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Orange Mayor Eldridge Hawkins directs his Chief of Staff to thoroughly investigate Van Wells residency

Statement by Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

"I have directed my Chief of Staff, Tai Cooper, to investigate the allegations regarding the residency of former Board of Education President Monique Van Wells. Ms. Cooper will examine the facts regarding residency and examine the actions of all others who enabled and participated in this violation of public trust.

"Based upon Ms. Cooper's report, I will determine what further action is necessary including possible referral to other public bodies. I urge that anyone who has information regarding this matter please contact Ms. Cooper to assist in her investigation."

(Memo attached)

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