Recently, it was noted that the Hampton Inn sign was down. When the district was informed of this, the district contacted the Nassau County Department of Social Services (DSS) for information related to the use of the property. DSS replied on July 28th and said that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they cancelled plans for a public meeting regarding the property. The DSS then noted the following:

*The Hampton Inn, located at 120 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, was recently sold to an investor and leased to Community Housing Innovations, a non-profit agency.*

*The property is currently being renovated, and DSS will turn the property into a transitional housing facility.*

*DSS will prepare a newsletter overviewsing their complete plan shortly.*

*DSS will also schedule a meeting at the facility with key community representatives within the next 2-3 weeks to discuss the project. No firm date was available.*

*Community Housing Innovations is the non-profit agency managing the transitional housing facility.*

*There will be strict guidelines for any families who will be living in the facility; hot meals will be served to each family; child care services will be provided; WIFI will be available throughout the facility; and a social worker as well as an educational specialist will be on site. These services will be provided by DSS and the County.*

*The facility will begin to accommodate families in the coming month. DSS would like to move families from motels in Nassau County into the facility.*

*The current plan indicates that a total of 19 students will move into the facility, three of whom are currently attending the Jericho Schools. The breakdown is as follows:

  9 elementary students
  6 MS students
  4 HS students

*Additional families who are relocated to the Jericho facility have indicated that they will continue to attend their current home school.*

*The average stay of a family in a motel is 23-24 months, and the average stay of a family in transitional housing is 6-8 months, with many families moving to permanent housing.*

It should be noted that the Jericho School District has NOT participated in the decision-making process for the facility. Additionally, the district does not have any jurisdiction in the matter.

The district receives funding for each student who is placed in Jericho by DSS and Nassau County. The district is fully reimbursed for all costs, and there are no additional costs incurred by the Jericho taxpayers.

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