

PO Box 520 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0520 609-278-2640 www.njstatelib.org

TO:

Hope Danzis, Board President

Berkeley Heights Public Library

FROM:

Norma E. Blake, State Librarian

DATE:

April 11, 2011

RE:

Return of funding to taxpayers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:54-15 and

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-25.1

STATUS:

Approved

This is to inform you that the library board's resolution of intent dated April 4, 2011 to transfer \$160,000 to the Township of Berkeley Heights has been approved. Accordingly, the board of trustees may cause the amount of the excess funds identified in its resolution to be transferred to the municipality.

A copy of this approval will be sent to the director of the Division of Local Government Services. The director of the Division of Local Government Services will assure compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-25.1.

Please be advised that the application was missing a formal strategic plan as required by law. It is my understanding that the library has taken steps to address this concern, and approval of this application was predicated upon the expectation that an acceptable strategic plan be delivered to the New Jersey State Library no later than June 1, 2011. Future return of library funding to the municipality will not be approved unless these conditions are met.

Norma E. Blake, State Librarian

Date

c: Stephanie Bakos, Library Director; sbakos@bhplnj.org

Joseph Bruno, Mayor, jbruno@bhtwp.com

Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Attn: Christine Zapicchi, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Financial Regulation and Assistance; tzapicchi@dca.state.nj.us