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**EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE UNTIL AFTER PRESS CONFERENCE ON
JULY 6, 2015 @ 10:30 A.M.**

**MALE AFRICAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL OF AMITYVILLE
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CHARGES RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
OUTRAGEOUS ABUSE BY SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL**

AFTER COMPLAINING, RODNEY WILKINS WAS EMBARRASSED, EXCLUDED AND
SENTENCED TO THE KITCHEN!

On July 6, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Law Offices of Frederick K. Brewington, located at 556 Peninsula Blvd., Hempstead, New York, 11550, Rodney Wilkins will be joined by his attorney to announce the formal filing of his Charge of race and color discrimination/retaliation with the New York State Division of Human Rights and call for the Board to investigate his mistreatment by the current Superintendent and the Principal of the Amityville High School.

Rodney Wilkins is an African-American man that was confirmed by the Board of Education as Associate Principal of the Amityville Memorial High School on June 22, 2014. Despite having obtained a Masters in Education from the Columbia University and NY State Certification in Education Supervision and Administration for Hunter College, and being recruited and vetted by an outside agency, after complaining about his treatment as an African-American man he was accused of having discrepancies on his application. Mr. Wilkins stated "I was treated like a criminal as the month of February was filled with retracing information for 30 years of my work history. I was being forced to prove my self after having College transcripts had to be submitted, updated and re-signed reference letters were required of me and I was subjected to embarrassment after embarrassment by Dr. Kelly." Mr. Wilkins continued to

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object to his treatment and in retaliation on March 28, 2015 he was subjected to an unbelievable and unprofessional level of abuse. . . he was “reassigned” to the kitchen where he remained on a daily basis for two months. In response to the abuse, Mr. Wilkins states, “It was clear to me that I was being treated with no respect and the attempt was to strip me of my dignity consistent to the type of treatment afforded African-Americans in days I thought had long since past.” Frederick K. Brewington, Esq., Mr. Wilkins’ attorney stated, “It was just like being banished to a “rubber room”! Instead of being allowed to interact with his staff and supervise the people and project that he was hired to address, he was isolated denied access to his teachers and support staff and denied the opportunity to conduct his normal activities in the life of the school he was hired to serve. He was put on display in a staff kitchen so that he could be publicly demoralized.”

Photos of the kitchen will be displayed and copies of his Charge of Discrimination will be provided and Mr. Wilkins will provide a statement. The members of press are invited to join **Rodney Wilkins** and his attorney **on July 6, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Law Offices of Frederick K. Brewington, located at 556 Peninsula Blvd., Hempstead, New York, 11550**

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