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Defendants.

On January 12, 2016, the court directed the parties to meet and confer to discuss settlement of this action. On March 14, 2016, the parties filed a joint status report informing the court they had exhausted their efforts to resolve this matter. On March 23, 2016, the court lifted the stay and set a Status Conference.

With private efforts having proved unsuccessful, the court sends this case to a court convened settlement conference before a magistrate judge of this court. Magistrate Judge Edmund F. Brennan has been randomly selected. A settlement conference is scheduled before Judge Brennan for September 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom No. 8, 13th Floor.

The parties are directed to submit confidential settlement conference statements via e-mail (efborders@caed.uscourts.gov) to chambers seven (7) days prior to the settlement conference. Such statements are neither to be filed with the clerk nor served on opposing counsel. However, each party shall e-file a one page document entitled Notice of Submission of Confidential

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Settlement Conference Statement. The parties may agree, or not, to serve each other with the settlement statements. Each party is reminded of the requirement that it be represented in person at the settlement conference by a person able to dispose of the case or fully authorized to settle the matter at the settlement conference on any terms. *See* Local Rule 270.

If the parties are unable to settle this case before the magistrate judge, they shall file a joint status report within fifteen days after the settlement conference.

The Status Conference set for May 12, 2016 before Judge Mueller is vacated and will be reset as needed.

DATED: May 2, 2016

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE