UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELSA GULINO, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant. -----X KIMBA M. WOOD, United States District Judge: USDC SDNY DOCUMENT ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOC #: _____ DATE FILED: _____1/3/2021

96-CV-8414 (KMW)

<u>ORDER</u>

On October 29, 2021, Special Master John S. Siffert issued his Interim Report and Recommendation recommending granting Plaintiffs' twentieth motion for interim attorneys' fees (the "Report"). (ECF No. 9292.) That Report recommends an interim award of Plaintiffs' interim attorneys' fees and costs associated with work in this case during May 2021 in the total amount of \$831,049.61. The Report reviews the complex issues addressed by counsel during the above-mentioned time period and the reasonableness of the billing rates for various attorneys and experts. The Special Master also undertook a meticulous review of attorneys' and experts' time.

The Court notes that the parties have represented to the Special Master that they do not intend to file objections to the Report. The Report also notes that Plaintiffs have not waived their claim to entitlement to the compensation they originally requested for this period. The Court hereby adopts all of the findings and recommendations of the Report,

including the hourly rates recommended by the Special Master. The Court awards Plaintiffs a total of \$831,049.61in attorneys' fees. The award shall be paid no later than December 3, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York November 3, 2021

/s/ Kimba M. Wood

KIMBA M. WOOD United States District Judge