



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS -- REGION VII

April 18, 2014

XXXXX XXXXX, Attorney
XXXXX and XXXXX, LLC
XXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX
Suite XXX
XXXXX, XXXXX XXXXX

Re: OCR Docket # 07141010

Dear Mr. XXXXX:

On October 21, 2013, the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability against the Jackson R-II School District (District), Jackson, Missouri. This letter is to confirm the District has voluntarily submitted a Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to resolve this complaint.

The complainant alleged the District discriminated against his client's son (student) on the basis of disability (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, type I juvenile diabetes, pervasive developmental disorder and Tourette's syndrome) by:

1. failing to provide homebound services for the student beginning in May 2013; and
2. failing to conduct an appropriate evaluation prior to significantly changing the student's placement.

OCR is responsible for enforcing:

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 794, and its implementing regulation, 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 104. Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of Federal financial assistance.
- Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II), 42 U.S.C. § 12131, and its implementing regulation, 28 C.F.R. Part 35. Title II prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities.

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As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department and a public entity, the District is subject to these laws. Additional information about the laws OCR enforces is available on our website at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.

Prior to the completion of OCR's investigation, the District submitted a signed Agreement (copy enclosed) on April 17, 2014, that, when fully implemented, will address the allegations of this complaint. OCR considers the allegations of this complaint resolved effective the date of this letter and will monitor the District's implementation of the Agreement. When OCR concludes the District has fully implemented the terms of the Agreement, OCR will close the complaint. If the District fails to carry out the Agreement, OCR may resume the investigation.

This letter sets forth OCR's determination in an individual OCR case. This letter is not a formal statement of OCR policy and should not be relied upon, cited, or construed as such. OCR's formal policy statements are approved by a duly authorized OCR official and made available to the public. The complainant may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

OCR is committed to prompt and effective service. If you have any questions, please contact XXXXX XXXXX, Equal Opportunity Specialist, at (816) 268-XXXX (voice) or (877) 521-2172 (telecommunications device for the deaf), or by email at XXXXX.XXXXX@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joshua Douglass

Joshua Douglass
Supervisory Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Chris Nicastro
Commissioner of Education