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Robert Suprenant
Superintendent
Milford School District
100 West Street
Milford, NH 03055

Re: Complaint No. 01-14-1109

Dear Superintendent Suprenant:

The U.S. Department of Education is closing the investigative portion of the above-referenced complaint filed against Milford School District (District). The Complainant alleged the District did not have procedural safeguards that provided an impartial hearing for disputes pertaining to the identification, evaluation, and placement of students with disabilities. As explained below, OCR is closing the investigation because the District has offered to voluntarily resolve the complaint.

Prior to OCR making any findings on the District's procedures, the District offered to voluntarily resolve the complaint. The District has hired a hearing officer from outside the District to conduct the Complainant's hearing. Additionally, the District has voluntarily agreed to enter into the attached agreement to revise its policies and procedures for grievances and requests for impartial hearings.

The agreement is aligned with the complaint allegations and the information OCR had obtained when the District proposed to resolve the complaint. Moreover, the agreement is consistent with the requirements of Section 504 and Title II. Accordingly, we are closing the investigative phase of the complaint as of the date of this letter and, consistent with our usual practice, will monitor the District's implementation of the agreement. The matters addressed in this letter are not intended and should not be construed to cover any other issues regarding the District's compliance with Section 504, Title II, or any other laws enforced by OCR that may exist but are not discussed here.

We would like to thank you and Attorney Loughman for your quick attention to this complaint. If you have any questions, please contact Civil Rights Investigator Molly O'Halloran at (617) 289-0058 or Molly.O'Halloran@ed.gov. You may also contact me at (617) 289-0037.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anthony Cruthird

Anthony Cruthird
Compliance Team Leader

Enclosure

cc: Barbara Loughman, Esq.

