

RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

Puerto Rico Department of Education OCR Case No. 02-16-1289

In order to resolve Case No. 02-16-1289, the Puerto Rico Department of Education (PRDOE) assures the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), that it will take the following actions pursuant to the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 104, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (the ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12132 et seq., and its implementing regulation at 28 C.F.R. Part 35.

Action Item:

By October 31, 2016, 2016, the PRDOE will convene a meeting of a group of persons knowledgeable about the Student [such as the Comité de Programación y Ubicación (COMPU)], to determine whether the Student requires any compensatory services for the speech and language therapy services the Student did not receive in accordance with his PEI from April 12, 2016 through the end of school year 2015-2016. If the COMPU or other group of knowledgeable persons determines that the Student requires compensatory services, the group will develop a plan for providing such services; with a completion date for providing the services not to extend beyond December 30, 2016. The PRDOE will invite the complainant to attend this meeting and otherwise adhere to the procedural requirements of the regulation implementing Section 504, at 34 C.F.R. §§ 104.34, 104.35 and 104.36.

Reporting Requirements:

- (a) By November 15, 2016, the PRDOE will submit to OCR: (a) a copy of the meeting minutes or similar documentation from the meeting referenced in the Action Item above; including an explanation for decisions made; (b) the plan for providing any remedial and/or compensatory services to the Student, if determined necessary; and, (c) documentation demonstrating that the PRDOE provided notice of and invited the complainant to the meeting. OCR will review the documentation submitted to ensure that the PRDOE met the procedural requirements of the regulation implementing Section 504, at 34 C.F.R. §§ 104.34, 104.35 and 104.36, in making these determinations.

- (b) By January 31, 2017, the PRDOE will provide documentation to OCR of the dates, times, and locations that compensatory services were provided, if any, and the name(s) of the service provider(s).

The PRDOE understands that OCR will not close the monitoring of this agreement until OCR determines that the recipient has fulfilled the terms of this agreement and is in compliance with the regulations implementing Section 504, at 34 C.F.R. §§104.33; and the ADA, at 28 C.F.R. §35.130(a) and §35.130(b)(1)(iii), which were at issue in this case. The PRDOE also understands that by signing this agreement, it agrees to provide data and other information in a

timely manner in accordance with the reporting requirements of this agreement. Further, the PRDOE understands that during the monitoring of this agreement, if necessary, OCR may visit the PRDOE, interview staff and students, and request such additional reports or data as are necessary for OCR to determine whether the PRDOE has fulfilled the terms of this agreement and is in compliance with the regulations implementing Section 504, at 34 C.F.R. §104.33, and the ADA, at 28 C.F.R. §35.130(a) and §35.130(b)(1)(iii), which were at issue in this case. The PRDOE understands and acknowledges that OCR may initiate administrative enforcement or judicial proceedings, including to enforce the specific terms and obligations of this agreement. Before initiating administrative enforcement (34 C.F.R. §§ 100.9, 100.10), or judicial proceeding, including to enforce this agreement, OCR shall give the PRDOE written notice of the alleged breach and sixty (60) calendar days to cure the alleged breach.

10/5/16
Date

/s/
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