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June 6, 2014

IN RESPONSE, PLEASE REFER TO: 03141106

Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell
Chief Executive Officer
Prince George's County Public Schools
Office of the Executive Officer
Sasscer Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell:

This is to notify you of the resolution of the complaint that was filed with the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), against the Prince George's County Public Schools (the District). The complaint alleged that the District discriminates on the basis of disability because, XX XX XXXXX XXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XX XXXXXXXX XXXX, school buses at the XXXX XXXXX XXXXXXX XXXXX blocked the designated accessible parking spaces located in front of the XXXX XXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXX building during afternoon dismissal.

OCR enforces:

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 U.S.C. § 794, and its implementing regulation, 34 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.

As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department and a public entity, the District is subject to the provisions of Section 504 and Title II and their implementing regulations.

Under OCR procedures, a complaint may be resolved before the conclusion of an investigation if a recipient asks to resolve the complaint by signing a resolution agreement. The provisions of the resolution agreement must be aligned with the complaint allegations and be consistent with applicable regulations. Such a request does not constitute an admission of a violation on the part of the District, nor does it constitute a determination by OCR of any violation of our regulations.

Consistent with OCR's procedures, the District requested to resolve the complaint through a Voluntary Resolution Agreement (the Agreement), which was executed on June 5, 2014. Accordingly, OCR is concluding its investigation of this complaint. A copy of the signed Agreement is enclosed. As is our standard practice, OCR will monitor the District's implementation of the Agreement.

The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

This letter is not intended, nor should it be construed, to cover any other issues regarding the District's compliance with Section 504, Title II and their implementing regulations that may exist and are not discussed herein.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. In the event that OCR receives such a request, we will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information, which, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Please be advised that the District may not harass, coerce, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual because he or she has filed a complaint or participated in the complaint resolution process. If this happens, the Complainant may file another complaint alleging such treatment.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dale J. Leska, Investigator, at (215) 656-8562 or by email at dale.leska@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Vicki Piel
Team Leader/Supervisory Attorney
Philadelphia Office

Enclosure

cc: Shauna Garlington Battle, Esquire, General Counsel (w./encl.)