RESOLUTION AGREEMENT Frederick County Public Schools OCR Case No. 03-19-1227

The U.S. Department Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and Frederick County Public Schools (the District) enter into this Voluntary Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to resolve the above-referenced complaint. This Agreement does not constitute an admission of liability, non-compliance, or wrongdoing by the District.

The District assures OCR that it will take the following actions to ensure that it complies with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), as amended, 29 U.S.C. Section 794, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 104, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II), 42 U.S.C. Sections 12131 et seq., and its implementing regulation at 28 C.F.R. Part 35, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of Federal financial assistance and public entities, respectively.

Prior to the completion of OCR's investigation, the District agreed to resolve the issues presented in this complaint pursuant to Section 302 of OCR's Case Processing Manual. Accordingly, to resolve the issues under investigation, the District agrees to take the actions outlined below.

ACTION STEPS

Memorandum to School Administrators and Staff

 The District recognizes its obligation under the regulation implementing Section 504, at 34 C.F.R. § 104.33, to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to each qualified student with a disability in its jurisdiction. In addition, the District recognizes its obligations under Section 504, at 34 C.F.R. § 104.33, to fully implement Section 504 Plans and Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for students with disabilities.

<u>Reporting Requirement</u>: Within fifteen (15) days of sending the memo to administrators, teachers and other personnel in the School who provide instruction to students, the District

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will provide OCR with a copy of the memo and proof that it was distributed along with a list of recipients, by name or title.

XX – Paragraphs Redacted – XX

The District understands that by signing this Agreement, it agrees to provide data and other information in a timely manner in accordance with the reporting requirements in this Agreement. Further, the District understands that during the monitoring of this Agreement, OCR may visit the District, interview staff and students, and request such additional reports or data as are necessary for OCR to determine whether the District has fulfilled the terms of this Agreement. Upon completion of the obligations under this Agreement, OCR shall close and dismiss this case.

The District understands and acknowledges that OCR may initiate administrative enforcement or judicial proceedings to enforce the specific terms and obligations of this Agreement. Before initiating administrative enforcement (34 C.F.R. §§ 100.9, 100.10) or judicial proceedings to enforce this Agreement, OCR shall give the District written notice of the alleged breach and sixty (60) calendar days to cure the alleged breach.

This Agreement will become effective immediately upon the signature of the District's Superintendent or designated representative, below.

By:

Date: <u>8/13/2020</u>

Superintendent or designee

/s/