## Resolution Agreement Broward County School District, Florida OCR Complaint #04-14-1738

The U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), initiated an investigation of the above-referenced complaint filed against the Broward County School District (District), pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), as amended, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1681 <u>et seq.</u>, and its implementing regulation, 34 C.F.R. Part 106, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by a recipient of Federal financial assistance. As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department, the District is subject to the provisions of Title IX. Accordingly, to ensure compliance with the above-referenced statute and to resolve this complaint, the District voluntarily agrees to take the following actions:

1. **By June 30, 2016**, the District will discontinue offering single-sex classes at all schools operated by the District and all campuses of Franklin Academy, a charter school within the District. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, and for the next three school years (2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020), all schools operated by the District and all campuses of Franklin Academy will utilize a coeducational instruction model for all classes, with the exception of the classes and activities in which separation of students on the basis of sex is permitted under 34 C.F.R. § 106.34(a).

**<u>REPORTING REQUIREMENT:</u>** By July 15, 2017; July 15, 2018; and July 15, 2019; the District will certify in writing to OCR that no single-sex classes will be offered during the following school year at any schools funded or operated by the District or any campus of Franklin Academy and that all such schools will continue to utilize a coeducational instruction model for all classes, with the exception of the classes and activities in which separation of students on the basis of sex is permitted under 34 C.F.R. § 106.34(a).

- 2. During the course of OCR's investigation, the District prepared a notice of its discontinuation of single-sex classes at all schools operated by the District and all campuses of Franklin Academy that was sent to all parents and/or guardians of students enrolled in all of the schools in which the District offered single-sex classes during the 2015-2016 school year.
- 3. **By June 30, 2016**, the District will certify in writing to OCR that has sent the notices referenced in Item #2 above via electronic mail or first-class mail to all parents and/or guardians of students enrolled in any of the schools in which the District offered single-sex classes during the 2015-2016 school year.

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 of this Agreement. Further, the District understands that during the monitoring of this Agreement, if necessary, 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 and is in compliance with the Title IX implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. § 106.34.

The District understands that OCR will not close the monitoring of this Agreement until OCR determines that the District has fulfilled the terms of this Agreement and is in compliance with the Title IX implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. § 106.34, which was at issue in 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 Superintendent or his designee below.

Superintendent X or Designee Broward County Schools, Florida

Date