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June 11, 2014

Re: 06141016

Dr. Ronnie Harrison
Director
Southern University Laboratory School
129 Swan Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

Dear Dr. Harrison:

This is to confirm that the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and the Southern University Laboratory School (SULS) have resolved the compliance concerns that OCR identified in the letter of findings that OCR issued on May 27, 2014, for the above-referenced complaint.

As indicated in OCR's letter of findings, we concluded that the SULS failed to comply with the requirements of Section 504 and its implementing regulation with respect to the following issue:

Whether the SULS discriminated against the Student on the basis of disability by failing to provide regular or special education and related aids and services deemed necessary to meet the Student's individual educational needs (*i.e.*, XXXXXX XX XXXXXXXX XXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXX XXXX XX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XX XXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, and XXXXXXXX XXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX), and thereby denied the Student a free appropriate public education (FAPE) during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years, in violation of Section 504 and its implementing regulation, at 34 C.F.R. § 104.33.

OCR found by a preponderance of the evidence that the SULS did not implement the complainant's son's (the Student) Section 504 Plan, and therefore denied the Student a FAPE by failing to provide the necessary disability-related aids and services during the 2012-13, and 2013-14 school years. Because the evidence established that the Student's teachers failed to implement a majority of the provisions of his Section 504 Plan in a majority of his classes, OCR concluded that the SULS failed to comply with Section 504 as indicated above.

The SULLS has agreed to take the actions set forth in the enclosed Resolution Agreement (Agreement), which, when fully implemented, will resolve the concerns that OCR identified.

OCR will monitor the implementation of the Agreement and will close the complaint when OCR determines that the SULLS has timely and effectively implemented the terms of the Agreement, including any subsequent modifications to the Agreement, and is in compliance with the statutes and regulations at issue. The first report under the Agreement is due by June 27, 2014.

Please be advised that the SULLS 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.

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.

This letter sets forth OCR's determination in an individual OCR case. This letter is not a formal statement of OCR policy and should not be relied upon, cited, or construed as such. OCR's formal policy statements are approved by a duly authorized OCR official and made available to the public. The complainant may have the right to file a private suit in Federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

Thank you for the cooperation that you and your staff extended to OCR staff in resolving this complaint. If you have any questions, please contact Eve Shatteen Bell, the attorney assigned to investigate this complaint, by telephone at (214) 661-9682, or by e-mail at Eve.Bell@ed.gov. You may also contact Justin Evans, team leader, at (214) 661-9600.

Sincerely,

/s/

Taylor D. August,
Regional Director
Dallas Office

Enclosure