RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

Garland Independent School District OCR Number: 06-16-1393

To resolve the above-referenced complaint brought under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the U.S. Department of Education and the Garland Independent School District (GISD or Recipient) enter into the following agreement. This agreement supersedes the agreement the Recipient entered into on April 20, 2017. This agreement was entered into voluntarily and does not constitute an admission of liability, non-compliance, or wrongdoing by the Recipient.

- 1. <u>Current Online Content and Functionality</u>. By **October 20, 2019**, the Recipient agrees that it will take all reasonable actions that do not require undue burden or fundamental alteration necessary to ensure that individuals with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in the Recipient's programs and activities offered through Recipient's website or equally effective alternate access. To meet this commitment, the Recipient will: develop a strategy for identifying inaccessible content and functionality for individuals with disabilities; develop a notice to persons with disabilities regarding how to request that the Recipient provide access to online information or functionality; provide a link to this notice on its home page and throughout its website; and develop a process to ensure that, upon request, inaccessible content and functionality will be made accessible in a reasonably prompt manner.
- 2. New Online Content and Functionality. By October 20, 2019, the Recipient will establish a plan to ensure that all new online content and functionality developed, procured, or used after the date of this agreement will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. The plan should include any staff training that may be necessary to ensure full implementation with the plan.
- 3. <u>Undue Burden and Fundamental Alteration</u>. This agreement does not require the Recipient to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a service, program, or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. In those circumstances where the Recipient can demonstrate compliance would result in such an alteration or burden, the Recipient will ensure that, to the maximum extent reasonable, individuals with disabilities receive the benefits or services provided by the recipient.
- 4. <u>Technical Assistance</u>. OCR will make itself available to provide technical assistance to the Recipient during the Recipient's implementation of this agreement.

¹ "Accessible," for purposes of this agreement, means a person with a disability is afforded the opportunity to acquire the same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same services as a person without a disability in an equally effective and equally integrated manner, within the same timeframes, and with substantially equivalent ease of use but does not include access that causes an undue burden or fundamental alteration.

5. <u>Reporting Provision</u>. By **October 20, 2019**, the Recipient will submit a report to OCR demonstrating that it has substantially satisfied the terms of this agreement. The report will describe benchmarks the Recipient has reached, and on-going efforts to maintain web accessibility and usability of the Recipient's website.

The Recipient understands that by signing the Agreement, it agrees to provide data and other information in accordance with the reporting requirement of this Agreement. Further, the Recipient understands that during OCR's monitoring of this Agreement, if necessary, OCR may visit the Recipient, interview staff and students, and request such additional reports or data as are necessary for OCR to determine whether the Recipient has fulfilled the terms of this Agreement. Upon the Recipient's satisfaction of the commitments made under this Agreement, OCR will close the case in a timely manner.

The Recipient 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 the Agreement, OCR will give the Recipient 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 Recipient's representative below.	
Dr. Ricardo López	Date
Superintendent Carlond Indopendent School District	
Garland Independent School District	