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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS -- REGION VII

December 16, 2013

XXXXX XXXXX, Attorney
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RE OCR Docket # 07131145

Dear Mr. XXXXX:

On May 3, 2013, the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received this complaint against your client, the Broken Arrow Public Schools (District), Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, alleging discrimination on the basis of disability. This letter is to confirm the District has voluntarily submitted a Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to resolve this complaint.

Specifically, the complainant alleged the parking lot and route from the parking lot to the Oak Crest Elementary School, particularly the route to the location where students with disabilities are taught, is not accessible to individuals with mobility impairments.

OCR is responsible for enforcing:

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 794, and its implementing regulation at 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 104. Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of Federal financial assistance (FFA); and
- Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II), 42 U.S.C. § 12131, and its implementing regulation at 28 C.F.R. Part 35. Title II prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities.

As a recipient of FFA from the Department and a public entity, the District is subject to Section 504 and Title II. Additional information about the laws OCR enforces is available on our website at http://www.ed.gov/ocr.

Prior to the completion of OCR's investigation, the District submitted a signed Agreement (copy enclosed) on December 13, 2013 that, when fully implemented, will address the allegation of this complaint.

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OCR considers the allegation of this complaint resolved effective the date of this letter and will monitor the District's implementation of the Agreement. When OCR concludes the District has fully implemented the terms of the Agreement, OCR will close the complaint. If the District fails to carry out the Agreement, OCR may resume the investigation.

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.

Please note our office has moved. The new mailing address for OCR Kansas City is:

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights One Petticoat Lane 1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320 Kansas City, Missouri 64106

OCR is committed to prompt and effective service. If you have any questions, please contact XXXXX XXXXX, Attorney, at (816) 268-XXXX (voice) or (877) 521-2172 (telecommunications device for the deaf), or by email at XXXXXXXX@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kelli Douglas

Kelli Douglas Supervisory Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Janet Barresi

State Superintendent of Public Instruction