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Assistant Superintendent
Chickasha Public Schools
900 West Choctaw Avenue
Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018-2213

Re: Chickasha Public Schools
OCR Complaint Number: 07-17-1213

Dear XX XXXXXXXX:

On June 27, 2017, the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint against the Chickasha Public Schools (District), Chickasha, Oklahoma, alleging discrimination on the basis of disability. This letter is to confirm that the District has voluntarily submitted a Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to resolve this complaint.

Specifically, the complainant alleged that the District subjected students with disabilities and their parents to discriminatory treatment in violation of 34 CFR §104.4, by excluding the parents from participating in class parties when parents of students without disabilities were permitted to attend class parties.

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, 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.
- Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II), 42 U.S.C. § 12131, and its implementing regulation, 28 C.F.R. Part 35. Title II prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities.

As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department and a public entity, the District is subject to these laws. Additional information about the laws OCR enforces is available on our website at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.

On September 18, 2017, OCR emailed notification letters to the parties, and informed the parties that investigation pursuant to OCR's Rapid Resolution Process (RRP) was appropriate for this

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complaint. On October 3, 2017, the District expressed interest in resolving the complaint allegation pursuant to section 302 of OCR's *Case Processing Manual* (CPM).¹ On November 8, 2017, prior to the completion of OCR's investigation, the District submitted a signed Agreement (copy enclosed) that, when fully implemented, will address the allegation of this complaint. OCR considers the allegation[s] 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.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ J. Earlene Gordon
J. Earlene Gordon,
Supervisory Attorney

Enclosure

¹ The *Case Processing Manual* is available online at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocrcpm.html>.