## Resolution Agreement Joplin R-VIII School District OCR Case Number: 07-20-1100

The Joplin R-VIII School District (District), Joplin, Missouri, submits this Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), to resolve this complaint filed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 U.S.C. § 794, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 104; 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.

The District voluntarily agreed to resolve this complaint prior to the conclusion of OCR's investigation. This Agreement does not constitute an admission of liability, non-compliance, or wrongdoing by the District.

The District agrees to take the following actions:

## **Action Items**

- 1. Beginning \_July 9, 2020\_\_\_\_\_, 2020, the District will provide an adult-size (i.e., not a chair designed for children) chair with padding/cushion and arm rests<sup>1</sup> for use by the Complainant at any previously scheduled meetings on District property, including but not limited to Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings and parent-teacher conferences.
- 2. By \_\_July 9, 2020\_\_\_\_\_, 2020, the District will submit a written letter to the Complainant informing Complainant that a suitable chair (as described in Action Item 1) will be provided by the District for Complainant's use at any scheduled meetings related to the Complainant's children held on District property.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1**: By \_\_July 9, 2020\_\_\_\_\_, 2020, the District will submit to OCR a copy of the letter sent to the Complainant in accordance with Action Item 2 of this Agreement.

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 and that all actions taken to comply with the requirements of the Agreement are subject to OCR's review and approval. 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 regulations implementing Section 504 and Title II, which were at issue in this case. Upon completion of the obligations under this Agreement, OCR shall close this case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These are the stated chair requirements as requested by the XXXXX XXXXX.

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.

\_\_/s/ XXXXX XXXXXX\_\_\_\_\_ XXXXX Joplin R-VIII School District \_XXXXX\_\_\_\_\_ Date