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October 24, 2017

Ms. Camille Casteel  
Superintendent  
Chandler Unified School District  
1525 W Frye Rd.  
Chandler, AZ 85224

Re: Chandler Unified School District  
OCR Case Number: 08-17-1300

Dear Superintendent Casteel:

On June 20, 2017, we accepted for investigation a complaint alleging that Chandler Unified School District (District) is discriminating on the basis of disability by not implementing the Complainant's daughter's (Student's) Individualized Education Program (IEP) at XXX (School) and failing to timely re-evaluate.

We initiated an investigation under the authority of Section 504 and its implementing regulation, at 34 C.F.R. Part 104, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulation at 28 C.F.R. Part 35, which, respectively, prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance from the Department and public entities. As a recipient of Federal financial assistance and a public entity, the District is subject to these laws and regulations.

During the investigation, and before we conducted interviews and had sufficient evidence to support findings, the District expressed a willingness to resolve the complaint. Pursuant to Section 302 of OCR's *Case Processing Manual*, resolution options were discussed with the District. The District has entered into the enclosed Agreement which, when fully implemented, will resolve the concerns that the Complainant raised in the complaint that we opened for case resolution. The Agreement requires that an IEP team, including the Student's parents, meet to determine if the Student should receive compensatory services and determine whether a re-evaluation is needed, and also requires that the District send a reminder memorandum regarding IEP obligations to all School staff.

This concludes our investigation of this complaint. We will continue to monitor the District's compliance with the Agreement until all the terms are satisfied. This letter addresses only the issues listed above and should not be interpreted as a determination of the District's compliance or noncompliance with Section 504 or Title II or any other federal law in any other respect. Accordingly, we are closing the investigation of this complaint effective the date of this letter.

OCR routinely advises recipients of Department funds and public educational entities that Federal regulations prohibit intimidation, harassment, or retaliation against those filing

complaints with OCR and those participating in a complaint investigation. Complainants and participants who feel that such actions have occurred may file a separate complaint with OCR. Additionally, complainants have a right to file a private suit in Federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. If OCR receives such a request, we will protect personal information to the extent provided by law.

We thank you for the District's cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact XXX, Attorney Advisor and the primary contact for this case at XXX or by email at XXXX.

Sincerely,

/s/

Angela Martinez-Gonzalez  
Supervisory General Attorney

Enclosure – Copy of Resolution Agreement

Cc: Heather Pierson, Counsel for the District

Diane Douglas, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction