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January 26, 2018

Superintendent Camille Casteel
Chandler Unified District
1525 W. Frye Road
Chandler, AZ 85224

Re: Chandler Unified District
OCR Case Number: 08-17-1519

Via email only to casteel.camille@cusd80.com

Dear Superintendent Casteel:

On November 3, 2017, we notified you that we had accepted for investigation the above-referenced complaint alleging Chandler Unified District (District) discriminated against the Complainant's son (Student) on the basis of disability. Specifically, the Complainant alleges the District failed to implement the Student's Section 504 plan.

We initiated an investigation of this allegation under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulation at 34 Code of Federal Regulations 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 prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities. As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education, the District is subject to these laws and regulations. Additional information about the laws OCR enforces is available on our website at <http://ed.gov/ocr>.

During the investigation of this complaint, OCR reviewed the District's position statement, the Student's Section 504 plan, and correspondence between the Complainant and District. OCR also communicated with the Complainant and District representatives. On January 9, 2018, the District informed OCR that it wished to voluntarily resolve the complaint allegations. At that time, prior to OCR making any findings of fact, the District agreed to sign an Agreement which, when fully implemented, will address the issues raised in the complaint.

In accordance with Section 302 of OCR's *Case Processing Manual (CPM)*, the provisions of the Agreement signed by the District on January 24, 2018, are aligned with the complaint allegations and the information obtained during OCR's processing of this case, and consistent with the applicable regulations. Therefore, OCR is closing this complaint investigation effective the date of this letter. OCR, however, will actively monitor the District's implementation of the Agreement until the District fulfills the terms of the agreement and is in compliance with the statutes and regulations at issue in this case. If the District fails to implement the Agreement as

specified, OCR may initiate administrative or judicial proceedings as described in the Agreement or resume its investigation of the initial allegations. A copy of the Agreement is enclosed.

Please be advised that the District may not harass, coerce, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual because he or she has filed a complaint or participated in the complaint resolution process. If this happens, the Complainant may file another complaint alleging such treatment. In addition, the Complainant may have the 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact XXXXX, Equal Opportunity Specialist, at 303-844-XXXX, or me at 303-844-XXXX.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sandra J. Roesti
Supervisory Attorney

Enclosure: Signed Resolution Agreement

Cc: Erin H. Walz, Attorney at Law, Udall Shumway PLC, via email only
Diane Douglas, Superintendent of Public Instruction (via email only, without enclosure)