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April 16, 2014

Mr. Christopher Bailey
President
Lower Columbia College
P.O. Box 3010
Longview, Washington 98632-0310

Re: Lower Columbia College
OCR Reference No. 10132192

Dear Mr. Bailey:

This is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is discontinuing its investigation of the above-referenced discrimination complaint against Lower Columbia College (college). The complaint alleged that the college discriminated against a student on the basis of sex when, because she was pregnant, its Financial Aid Appeal Committee refused to review her appeal of the college's determination that she was not eligible for financial aid for fall quarter 2013.

OCR accepted this complaint for resolution under the authority of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and its implementing regulation.

The college has agreed to take the actions set forth in the enclosed Voluntary Resolution Agreement (agreement), which, when fully implemented, will resolve the issues raised by the complaint.

OCR will monitor the implementation of the agreement and will close the complaint when OCR determines that the terms of the agreement have been satisfied. The first report under the agreement is due by May 15, 2014.

Thank you for the cooperation that you and your staff extended to OCR in resolving this complaint. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nicholas Rock, Equal Opportunity Specialist, by telephone at (206) 607-1636, or by e-mail at nicholas.rock@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/ s /

Barbara Wery
Team Leader

Enclosure: Voluntary Resolution Agreement

cc: Vice President of Student Success