

January 15, 2014

Ms. Judith Risch, J.D. Ph.D.  
Attorney Advisor  
District of Columbia Office  
Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, District of Columbia 20202-1475

Re: Hoke County Schools, OCR 11-14-1016

Dear Judy:

Following-up from our recent telephone conversations, I wanted to outline the following steps which Hoke County High School is prepared to take in order to resolve this matter prior to the conclusion of OCR's investigation, and without any adverse findings as to the school district.

First of all, I am informed by XXXX, the principal, that XXXX is already registered for XXXX again second semester, which begins on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Pursuant to the previous directive from XXXX, XXXX, the 504 coordinator, will meet with all of XXXX second semester teachers on Tuesday, January 21, to make sure that they are all up to speed on XXXX 504 plan prior to the beginning of classes. With respect to XXXX, if XXXX successfully completes the class second semester with an overall grade of "C" or better, XXXX will exercise his authority as principal to grade and classify and remove the "F" from first semester from XXXX cumulative record.

Finally, with respect to the concern of XXXX, I have confirmed that at the 504 meeting next week the team will ask mom for more definitive documentation of a diagnosis, but out of an abundance of caution, the team will include accommodations for XXXX in the 504 plan.

I believe that these steps will address all remaining concerns in this matter. Please let me know at your convenience if there is any additional documentation which you will need for your file in order to close this complaint. As always, I sincerely appreciate your professional courtesy and commitment to putting children first.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/

Nickolas J. Sojka, Jr

NJSjr/sos

Cc: Dr. Freddie Williamson, Superintendent, Hoke County Schools  
Mr. Roger Edwards, Principal, Hoke County High School  
Ms. Peggy Owens, Executive Director of Student Support Services  
Ms. Angela Goslee, 504 Coordinator, Hoke County High School