Lakewood City School District Resolution Agreement OCR Docket #15-22-1185

Lakewood City School District (the District) voluntarily submits this Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), for the purpose of resolving the above-referenced complaint and ensuring compliance with 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 *et seq.*, and its implementing regulation at 28 C.F.R. Part 35.

While not admitting to any violation, the District wishes to demonstrate its ongoing commitment to supporting students with disabilities. To do so, the District agrees to take the following actions:

Individual Remedies

Reporting Requirement: By **July 22, 2022**, the District will provide OCR with documentation showing that the District implemented Items 1-4, including XXXXX—REMAINDER OF SENTENCDE REMOVDE – XXXXX

District-Wide Remedies

5. By **July 15, 2022**, the District will review and revise its attendance record keeping system to ensure that student absences that should be excused are accurately and clearly reflected as excused in the District's attendance system by, for example, including a column in the record and marking "excused" or "unexcused" for each absence.

- **Reporting Requirement:** By **September 23, 2022**, the District will provide OCR with copies of its revised attendance record keeping system with a sample of student attendance records (at least ten, including at least one student with a disability) as well as copies of the Student's attendance records, showing that the District has implemented Item 5.
- 6. By **July 15, 2022**, the District will review and, if necessary, revise its attendance form letters, including its form XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX letter, and all of its attendance letters and forms published on the District's website, to ensure that they are all consistent with Ohio law and internally consistent with the District's attendance policies.
 - **Reporting Requirement:** By **July 22, 2022**, the District will provide OCR with copies of documentation, including revisions to its XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX letter, and any other attendance forms and letters the District revised, showing that the District implemented Item 6.
- - b. the District's responsibility under Section 504 to provide qualified students with a disability a free appropriate public education (FAPE), as defined by 34 C.F.R. § 104.33, which defines FAPE as the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the individual educational needs of students with disabilities as adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met, and that are developed in accordance with Section 504's procedural requirements at 34 C.F.R. §§ 104.34 104.36 regarding educational setting, evaluation, placement, and procedural safeguards. The training will cover the requirement that District decisions regarding necessary special education or related aids and services for any qualified student with a disability must be based on the individual educational needs of such student and that policy modifications be considered if necessary. The training will also cover the importance of ensuring that Section 504 plans, and other similar plans, e.g., Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) clearly state the accommodations and services to be provided and how they will be provided. The training will also cover the

importance of fully implementing student education plans, such as Section 504 plans, in order to provide FAPE.

Reporting Requirement: By **September 23, 2022**, the District will provide OCR with the date(s) of the training(s); a copy of the training agenda; copies of training materials used; the name, title, and qualifications of the person(s) who provided the training(s); and sign-in sheets showing the names and job titles of all persons who attended the training.

General Requirements

The District understands and acknowledges that OCR may initiate proceedings to enforce the specific terms and obligations of the Agreement and/or Section 504 and Title II and their implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 104 and 28 C.F.R. Part 35. Before initiating such proceedings, OCR will give the District written notice of the alleged breach and 60 calendar days to cure the alleged breach.

The District understands that OCR will not close the monitoring of this Agreement until OCR determines that the District has demonstrated compliance with all the terms of this Agreement and is in compliance with Section 504 and Title II and their implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 104 and 28 C.F.R. Part 35, which were at issue in this complaint.

The Agreement will become effective immediately upon the signature of the District's representative below.	
Superintendent or Designee	Date