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Park Hill School District
7703 Northwest Barry Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64153

Re: Docket # 07151148

Dear Dr. XXXXXX:

On April 20, 2015, the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability by the Park Hill School District (District), Kansas City, Missouri. This letter is to confirm the District has voluntarily submitted a Resolution Agreement (Agreement) to resolve this complaint.

Specifically, the complainants alleged the District discriminated against their son on the basis of disability (autism) by failing to take prompt and effective action to end the harassment of their son by District employees, prevent it from recurring and remedy the effects of the harassment on their son.

OCR is responsible for enforcing:

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 794, and its implementing regulation at 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 104. Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of Federal financial assistance; and
- Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II), 42 U.S.C. § 12131, and its implementing regulation, 28 C.F.R. Part 35. Title II prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities.

As a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Department and a public entity, the District is subject to Section 504 and Title II. Additional information about the laws OCR enforces is available on our website at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.

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OCR notified the District of the complaint by letter dated May 29, 2015. On June 5, 2014, the District requested to voluntarily resolve this OCR complaint. The District submitted a signed Agreement on August 17, 2015, that, when fully implemented, will address the allegations of this complaint.

OCR considers this complaint resolved effective the date of this letter and will monitor the District's implementation of the Agreement. When OCR concludes the District has fully implemented the terms of the Agreement, OCR will close the complaint. If the District fails to carry out the Agreement, OCR may resume the investigation.

This letter sets forth OCR's determination in an individual OCR case. This letter is not a formal statement of OCR policy and should not be relied upon, cited, or construed as such. OCR's formal policy statements are approved by a duly authorized OCR official and made available to the public. The Complainants may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

OCR is committed to prompt and effective service. If you have any questions, you may contact XXXXX XXXXX, Attorney, at (816) 268-XXXX (voice) or (877) 521-2172 (telecommunications device for the deaf), or by email at XXXX.XXXX@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

Joshua Douglass
Chief Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Margie Vandeven
Commissioner of Education