
Office for Civil Rights Discrimination Complaint Form: Submission #736511

1. Enter information about yourself

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Best Time to Call You: Day

Primary Phone Number:

Alternative Phone Number: {Empty}

Your Email Address:

2. Who else can we call if we cannot reach you?

Contact's Name: {Empty}

Daytime Phone Number: {Empty}

Relationship to you: {Empty}

3. Who was discriminated against?

Yourself or Someone else Someone else?

If someone other than yourself please include:

Injured Person's Name: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

Daytime Phone Number: {Empty}

Evening Phone Number: {Empty}

Relationship to You

(eg. son or daughter) daughter

Injured Person's Address: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

City: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

Zip Code: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A);

4. What institution discriminated?

Institution Name: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) School District

Address: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

City: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

Zip Code: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A);

School or department involved: (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) Class - (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

5. Have you tried to resolve the complaint through the institution's grievance process, due process hearing, or with another agency?

Have you tried to resolve the complaint? Yes

Agency Name: Mike Harrington - superintendent & (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

Date Filed
(MM/DD/YYYY): (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) 00:00

If yes, what is the current status of the complaint? It is imperative that we find a solution to this problem as soon as possible. Despite my best efforts to resolve the issue with the school administration, it has only gotten worse.

We need to take immediate action to address this situation before it causes further damage.

6. Describe the discrimination

OCR enforces regulations that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin; sex; disability; and/or age.

(You may select more than one.)

On what basis were you discriminated against? race or color, national origin, age, retaliation because you filed a complaint or asserted your rights

In the space provided below please describe each discriminatory action separately. For each action, you need to provide the following information: date(s) the discriminatory action occurred - (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

- name(s) of individual(s) who discriminated - (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)
- what happened - the teacher is promoting white supremacy with her Israeli agenda and has blatant disregard for (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) The class environment is unsafe, and inhumane and creates a sense of isolation for (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) children. The agenda that the teacher is promoting is one sided and the environment in the class is unsafe.
- witnesses, (if any); see attached presentation and the teacher retaliated after the complaint was made to the school and stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A);

- why you believe the discrimination was because my daughter is (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); and (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) I am worried about my daughter, who is young, being shut out by this teacher in a bullying way. race, sex, disability, age, or whatever basis you indicated above or

why you believe the action was retaliatory - the teacher came into the class stating that (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) She went on to pick on other students and antagonized my daughter. My daughter has been very upset, she's been crying, and she is scared. (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) only called upon other students and did not call on (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) to hear their opinions about her one-sided agenda.

Do you have written information that you think will help us understand your complaint?

yes or no Yes

7. Your complaint must be filed within 180 days of the discriminatory action

The laws that we enforce require that complaints be filed with our office within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory event. If any of the alleged discriminatory actions took place more than 180 days before the postmark or receipt date of this complaint, you may request a waiver of the 180-day limit. When did the last act of discrimination occur?

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Enter the date: - 00:00

Are you requesting a waiver of the 180-day filing time limit for discrimination that occurred more than 180 days before the filing of this complaint?

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yes or no No

Reason for not filing complaint before 180 days: {Empty}

8. What would you like the institution to do as a result of your complaint?

What remedy are you seeking? I have made many attempts to resolve this issue with the school superintendent and school principal, but the issue has only gotten worse. I need the teacher to stop discriminating against my daughter because she's and her age. The teacher is using her power to antagonize her, and the class environment during presentation is unsafe. My daughter has been crying since the teacher started pushing her one-sided story about Israel. This has created a culture of mistrust and I'm worried about my daughter and her

wellbeing. This is a very serious matter and must be handled with great moral conscience. I want zero tolerance for insensitive or discriminatory content in classrooms, which often leads to harassment and bullying.

The school lessons have become insensitive and biased, and the school environment has become damaging, unwelcoming, and unsafe for Muslim students, (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) The Muslim students are already impacted by the spike in Islamophobia around the county, country, and on a global level.

9. Option to Participate in OCR's Early Mediation Process

I am interested in participating in early mediation: No



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Sent by email only to SGoodstadt@ingermansmith.com

Michael Harrington
Superintendent
Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District
1260 Meadowbrook Road
North Merrick, New York 11566

Re: Case Number 02-24-1099 – Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District

Dear Superintendent Harrington:

On November 22, 2023, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) received a complaint filed against the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. The Complainant alleged that the District discriminated against her daughter (the Student) on the bases of color (Allegation 1) and national origin (Allegation 2) by not responding promptly or effectively to incidents of harassment at the (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) (the School) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C).

OCR enforces Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-2000d-7, and its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 100, which prohibit discrimination on the bases of race, color, and national origin (including shared ancestry) in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance from the Department. As a recipient of federal financial assistance from the Department, the District is subject to Title VI and its implementing regulations.

OCR will investigate the following issue: whether the District responded in a manner consistent with the requirements of Title VI to alleged harassment of the Student on the bases of color and national origin (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C).

Please understand that opening this issue for investigation under Title VI does not mean that OCR has made a decision about the merits. During the investigation, OCR is neutral; OCR will collect and analyze the relevant evidence from the complainant, the recipient, and other sources, as appropriate. OCR will ensure that its investigation is legally sufficient as required by OCR's Case Processing Manual (CPM) (July 18, 2022). You may find additional information in OCR's Complaint Processing Procedures. Individuals who file complaints with OCR may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

OCR may close this case prior to making formal findings of compliance or non-compliance, provided that the circumstances or information gathered establishes an administrative or other

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