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Dr. Bobby C. New, Superintendent
Fayetteville Public Schools
1000 West Stone Street
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702

Dear Dr. New:

On February 25, 1997, the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) received the above referenced complaint filed against the Fayetteville Public Schools (FPS). Based on that correspondence and subsequent clarification, the complaint alleged that a male student was subjected to a hostile and potentially violent learning environment that the FSD failed to address with the same degree of urgency and purpose extended to similarly situated female students in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. § 1681 (1995).

The FPS has submitted the attached voluntary CTR agreement to resolve the complaint allegation. OCR has determined that this CTR, upon implementation, will satisfactorily resolve the allegation.

Actual implementation of the CTR agreement will be monitored by OCR through submission of periodic progress reports describing the progress made toward implementation of specific CTR initiatives as agreed. It is important to note that as a formal agreement between the FPS and OCR, failure to implement all or a portion of the Commitment may result in a reopening of the case and resumption of the investigative process.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. In the event that OCR receives such a request, we will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information which, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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OCR appreciates the cooperation and assistance provided throughout the processing of this case. If you have any questions, please contact me at 214/880-2463.

Sincerely,

Taylor D. August
Director, Dallas Office
Southern Division
Office for Civil Rights

Attachment