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Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20035

Johnson & U.S. v. Florida



MH-FL-001-002

May 17, 1995

The Honorable Lawton Chiles  
Governor of Florida  
Governor's Office  
State Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: Landmark Learning Center and G. Pierce Wood  
Memorial Hospital

Dear Governor Chiles:

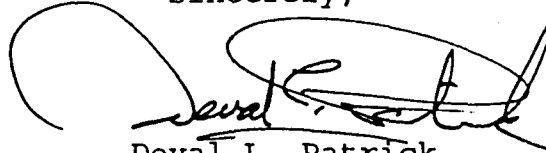
I am writing to inform you that the United States Department of Justice intends to investigate conditions at Landmark Learning Center and G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether the above-mentioned facilities violate the constitutional rights of their residents. The investigation will focus specifically on allegations concerning abuse and neglect of residents, inadequate medical and psychiatric care, failure to provide residents with adequate training programs and failure to provide services to residents in the least separate, most integrated setting. Initiating this investigation does not evidence any prejudgment that the facilities violate the residents' constitutional rights. If any violations are found, however, we will confer with you and your staff concerning appropriate corrective actions.

We will endeavor to coordinate this investigation with relevant officials of your Department. Please feel free to contact our office if you desire to communicate on this matter.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions on this matter. The attorneys assigned to the case are William G. Maddox at (202) 514-6251 and Tawana E. Davis at (202) 514-6534.

Sincerely,

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Deval L. Patrick  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

cc: Ms. Judith E. Heumann  
Assistant Secretary  
Office of Special Education and  
Rehabilitative Services

Mr. Thomas Hehir  
Director  
Office of Special Education Programs

Judith A. Winston, Esquire  
General Counsel



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The Honorable Donna E. Shalala  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and  
Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

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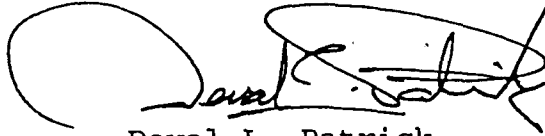
Dear Madam Secretary:

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Mr. Bruce C. Vladeck, Ph.D.  
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Mr. Dennis Hayashi  
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The Honorable Richard Riley  
Secretary  
United States Department of  
Education  
600 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Re: Landmark Learning Center and G. Pierce Wood  
Memorial Hospital

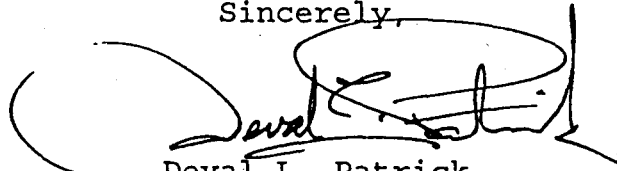
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