



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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DATE

COMPLAINANT
ADDRESS

Subject: Special Education Citizen Complaint No. 12-00

Dear COMPLAINANT:

The Special Education section of Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) received a special education citizen complaint from you on DATE. You allege that the DISTRICT School District (District) violated the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in its education of child's name or initials (Student). We reviewed your complaint and determined that you raised the following issue(s):

1. OUTLINE ISSUES

IF THERE ARE ISSUES WE ARE NOT INVESTIGATING, INSERT HERE WITH REASONS.

This complaint is designated Special Education Citizen Complaint (SECC) No. 12-00. INVESTIGATOR, Program Supervisor, is assigned to investigate the complaint. If you have additional information you would like the District to review in order to respond to this complaint, please send us the information immediately so we can forward it on to the District. If you disagree with the issue(s) described above, please notify us as soon as possible.

OSPI has sent a copy of your complaint to the school district's superintendent. The District is required to investigate the complaint and provide OSPI with a written response to the allegations, including documentation of their investigation. The District will admit or deny each allegation identified for investigation. The District's response is due **23 calendar days after the date of this letter-DB calculation default is correct** (Insert actual day and make sure it falls on a work day), unless OSPI grants an extension.

OSPI will send you a copy of the District's response. *Please note, however, that all student personally identifiable information must be deleted from any information we send you, unless we receive a signed statement from the student's parent or legal guardian giving their permission to send you education materials or other personally identifiable information involving the student.* You will then have 10 calendar days to submit a reply that addresses any disagreements you have with the District's response. We will forward a copy of your reply to the District.

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OSPI will review all of the information provided by you and the District to determine if additional information or an on-site visit is needed. OSPI will issue a written decision that addresses each allegation in the complaint, and includes findings of fact, conclusions, and the reasons for the decision 60 calendar days after you filed the complaint. OSPI may extend the timeline for issuing a decision if it determines that exceptional circumstances warrant an extension, or if the parties agree in writing to extend the time to attempt to resolve the complaint.

Please note: The investigator assigned does not act as an advocate for the complainant or a district representative. While both parties may communicate with the investigator in order to provide additional information or to clarify procedural issues, the investigator or other staff at OSPI cannot give either party advice about the issues addressed in the complaint.

Mediation is available to parents and districts to assist in resolving special education disputes. Mediation is voluntary for both parties and may be terminated by either party at any time. If the parent and the district would like to use mediation services to resolve the issues outlined in this complaint, they may contact Sound Options at (800) 692-2540. Parents and districts who are involved in mediation may agree, in writing, to extend the 60-day time period for the complaint process.

I am enclosing information about procedural safeguards for parents and adult students. You will find more information about other IDEA related topics at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/>.

If you have any questions, please contact INVESTIGATOR at (360) 725-6075 or by email at ____@k12.wa.us. Our facsimile number is (360) 586-0247; the TTY number is (360) 586-0126.

Sincerely,

Douglas H. Gill, Ed.D.
Director, Special Education

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Enclosure: Procedural Safeguards (addressee only)

cc: NAME, Superintendent
NAME, Actual Title of SpecEd Director
PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN
File