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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
FOIA Service Center

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Ms. Katherine Murphy
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RE: FOIA Request No. 21-01622-F

Dear Ms. Murphy;

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated May 11, 2021 and received in this office on May 11, 2021. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

On January 12, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, notified Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) that it had opened a directed investigation regarding FCPS' provision of educational services to children with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 4, 2021, OCR forwarded to FCPS an initial data request letter in this matter (OCR Directed Investigation #11-21-5901). The OCR attorney assigned to this investigation is Sara Clash-Drexler at 202-453-5906, or sara.clash-drexler@ed.gov I am the Section 504 Specialist for FCPS, and will be the internal lead to respond to OCR's data request in this matter. The information that I am interested in obtaining via this FOIA request is any information that OCR used to support its decision to initiate a directed investigation (e.g., press reports, televised news reports, parent or community communications, etc.).

The data submitted you requested is available via the following OCR website:

Responsive news article link:

<https://www.wusa9.com/article/features/producers-picks/special-ed-mom-will-bring-her-daughter-to-school-even-though-classes-are-virtual/65-0e78f2f4-66d5-422c-9fd9-3e0589df96cf>.

Your request is now closed as Agencies need not make available those materials that have already been disclosed under subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2), respectively.

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You have the right to seek further assistance from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Robert Wehausen. The Department's FOIA Public Liaison can be reached by e-mail at robert.wehausen@ed.gov; by phone at 202-205-0733; by fax at 202-401-0920; or by mail at Office of the Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, 7C132 Washington, DC 20202-4536, Attn: FOIA Public Liaison.

If you have any questions, please contact the FSC at (202) 401-8365 or EDFOIAMANAGER@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christie D. Swafford".

Christie D. Swafford
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