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March 16, 2009



Ms. Margaret Van Ormer, Director  
Exceptional Student Education  
Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB)  
207 North San Marco Avenue  
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

### **Re: Early Resolution Agreement: Case No. BEESS-2009-012-ER**

Dear  and Ms. Van Ormer:

The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services received a state complaint from  on February 23, 2009, alleging that the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind had violated federal and state laws relating to the education of students with disabilities. Ms. Vicki Eddy, Program Specialist, was assigned to manage the case. The complainant and the district were contacted on February 26, 2009, by Bureau staff and agreed to attempt early resolution. Specifically, the complainant's allegation involved the following issue:

**ISSUE:**      **Whether the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind implemented the student's individual educational plan (IEP) specifically regarding the provision of school nurse services as a related service for the provision of medications during the 2008-09 school year**

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The parties agreed to meet on March 9, 2009, to attempt early resolution. After discussing the issue in the state complaint, the parties reviewed the student's individual health care plan developed by the school's health care staff. The complainant indicated that the plan satisfactorily addressed the issue expressed in the state complaint dated February 23, 2009, regarding medication concerns for the student.

The district provided the Bureau a copy of the student's health care plan dated March 4, 2009. The health care plan was reviewed and signed by the complainant, the health care center's nurse care coordinator, and the physician/medical director.

We commend both parties for working together to resolve the issue presented in the state complaint on the local level. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, you may contact Ms. Eddy at (850) 245-0476, or via electronic mail at [Vicki.Eddy@fldoe.org](mailto:Vicki.Eddy@fldoe.org).

Sincerely,

Bambi J. Lockman, Chief  
Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

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Enclosures: Cover letter for Early Resolution Agreement from FSDB President dated 3/11/2009  
Early Resolution Agreement dated 3/9/2009  
Student's FSDB Health Care Center Acuity 4 Health Care Plan dated 3/4/2009

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