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October 19, 2009

ATTN: Arinita Ballard, Acting Team Leader
United States Department of Education
Office For Civil Rights, Region IV
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 19T70
Atlanta, GA 30303

In re: OCR Complaint No. 04-09-1540

Dear Ms. Ballard:

I am in receipt of the above captioned complaint from your office. Thank you for your notification of this action. Please know that the Obion County School System will fully cooperate with your office.

Enclosed for your perusal is a memorandum from the Tennessee Department of Education's Director – Office of Civil Rights, Lesley Farmer. Per that correspondence, it is my understanding that your office has agreed to delay the data collection while we work on a revised policy. Given this notification, until we receive subsequent notification from your office to proceed with the requested data collection, we will hold this matter in abeyance.

Thank you for your willingness to move forward with a common sense resolution to this matter. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,



David W. Huss

c: Mr. Jim Glasgow, Attorney – Obion County Schools
Mr. James Faulkner, Assistant Director/Civil Rights Compliant Manager
Ms. Nancy Hamilton, Supervisor of Instruction/Civil Rights Complaint Manager

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tennessee Local Education Agencies

Cc: Timothy K. Webb, Commissioner, TDOE
Randy Bennett, Deputy Executive Director/General Counsel, TSBA
Christy Ballard, General Counsel, TDOE

FROM: Lesley Farmer, Director – Office for Civil Rights, TDOE

DATE: October 13, 2009

RE: OCR Title IX Corporal Punishment Complaint

If your system received a Title IX complaint from the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) alleging sex discrimination in discipline, in particular, corporal punishment as a form of discipline, please ***do not*** send any information to OCR, at this point. The Department is working with OCR and the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) regarding revisions to the corporal punishment policy. You will receive additional information regarding the revisions in the coming weeks.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 615.253.1550 or Lesley.Farmer@tn.gov.