

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

October 8, 2019

Honorable Ron Wyden United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

Thank you again for your September 24, 2018, letter to Secretary DeVos regarding the U.S. Department of Education's efforts to protect K-12 students from sexual assault and sexual harassment in our nation's schools. Your letter was referred to the Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and I am pleased to respond on behalf of Secretary DeVos. I share your commitment to ensuring all students, including K-12 students, attend school in a safe learning environment, free from discrimination based on sex, as required under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. I am sending an identical response to the cosigners of your letter.

In response to your request for reports of findings and resolution agreements related to sexual harassment and sexual violence at elementary and secondary schools from FY 2013 through FY 2018 (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2018), I stated in my December 21, 2018, interim response that OCR had 214 such investigations in this category. Upon further review of OCR's case management system, it was determined that OCR had 222 such investigations in this category. This includes resolution agreements reached following the conclusion of an investigation where violation findings were made and resolution agreements entered into prior to the issuance of a final determination. I am writing now to provide you with copies of the resolution letters and resolution agreements related to these 222 investigations, which are available on the attached CD.

Thank you for your interest in ensuring a safe learning environment for students that is free from sex discrimination. If you have further questions on this or any other topic, please contact Jordan Harding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, delegated the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at 202-401-0020.

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Honorable Suzanne Bonamici House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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