

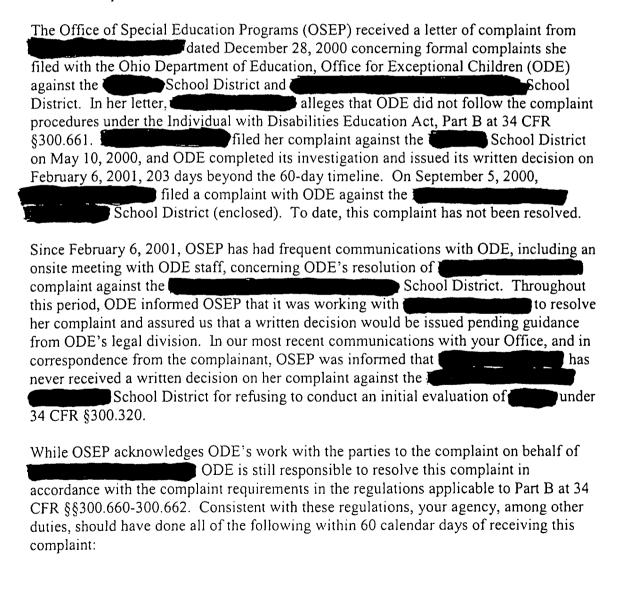
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Mr. Ed Kapel Interim Director Office for Exceptional Children Ohio Department of Education 25 Front Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183

Dear Mr. Kapel:



Conducted an independent on-site investigation if your agency determined such an investigation was necessary;

Given the complainant the opportunity to submit additional information, either orally or in writing, about the allegations in the complaint;

Reviewed all relevant information and made an independent determination as to whether the public agency was violating a requirement of Part B; and

Issued a written decision to the complainant that addresses each allegation in the complaint and contains findings of fact, conclusions, and the reasons for your agency's final decision.

We are extremely concerned that over a year after the complaint was filed, your Office has not issued a decision as required under Federal law. Therefore, we are requesting that you resolve this on an expedited basis and that you send a copy of your agency's final decision within 30 days of your receipt of this letter to and Ms. Margaret Romer of my staff at:

Ms. Margaret Romer
U.S. Department of Education
Office of Special Education Programs
Room 3614, Switzer Building
330 C Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202-2640

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Guard Acting Director

Office of Special Education Programs

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