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August 17, 2023

Ameer Benno
The Equal Protect Project

Sent by email only to: ameer@legalinsurrection.com

Re: FOIA #23-02432-F

Dear Ameer Benno,

On August 1, 2023, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received your written request for documents under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). You requested "the written correspondence from the University in which it committed to eliminate all racial eligibility criteria" for OCR complaint 05-23-2269.

OCR's policy under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552, and its implementing regulation, 34 C.F.R. Part 5, is generally one of full disclosure limited only by the exemptions delineated therein. We have responded to your request for documents according to those provisions.

We have enclosed a copy of the documents you requested, totaling 2 pages. OCR is providing you with copies of all responsive pages.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

They can be contacted by:

Mail	FOIA Public Liaison Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave., SW LBJ 7W104 Washington, DC 20202-4536	Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740-6001
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The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

Lastly, you have the right to appeal this determination. You must submit any appeal within 90 calendar days after the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right, or the deadline, to pursue an appeal. An appeal must be in writing and must include a detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by a copy of this letter, the initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in resolving your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf.

Appeals can also be submitted by:

E-mail: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov
Fax: 202-401-0920
Mail: Appeals Office
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ 7W104
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This completes OCR's processing of your FOIA request. If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Melissa Katt at Melissa.Katt@ed.gov or (202) 987-1263.

Sincerely,

Melissa Katt for

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Regional FOIA Officer

Enclosures