



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT

Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen  
Member, United States House of  
Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3011

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Dear Mr. Frelinghuysen:

This is in response to your June 12, 2012, correspondence regarding concerns raised by one of your constituents (b)(6) (Parent) under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Your inquiry was referred to the Family Policy Compliance Office for response because we administer FERPA. Specifically, you asked for assistance relative to your constituent's concerns which she outlined to us in a January 30, 2012, complaint to this office.

FERPA is a Federal law that affords parents and eligible students the right to have access to their children's or their education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of information from the records. Education records are those records that are directly related to a student and that are maintained by an educational agency or institution or a party acting for the agency or institution.

We received the Parent's FERPA complaint against the (b)(6) (District) in February 2012. We have reviewed the issues and concerns the Parent raised as is our regular process. Due to the fact that we do not have sufficient information from the Parent to make a determination that the District has not provided her full access to her child's education records, we provided the Parent a response to her letter (enclosed) and included a complaint form for her to complete and return to this office. Once the Parent provides the information outlined in the complaint form, we will review it and take any necessary action.

I trust that this is responsive to your inquiry. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 202-260-3887.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Dale King  
Director  
Family Policy Compliance Office

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