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Title One Complaint Resolution Procedure 2018-2019

Introduction

On December 10, 2015 a new Federal education law was signed by the President. This law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires schools that receive federal Title I funding adopt written procedures for resolving complaints filed.

Definition

A “complaint” is a written, signed statement filed by an individual or an organization. It must include:

- A statement that a school has violated a requirement of federal statute or regulation that applies to Title I.
- The facts on which the statement is based.
- Information on any discussions, meetings or correspondence with a school regarding the complaint.

Complaint Resolution Procedures

1. **Referral** – Complaints against schools should be referred to the District’s Federal Programs Office:

Shannon Balch- Federal Programs Coordinator 724-745-4475

If you are at South Central Elementary School and would prefer to make your complaint to Scott Chambers, Assistant Superintendent, he can be reached at 724-746-2940.

2. **Notice to School** – The Federal Programs Office will notify the school Superintendent and Principal that a complaint has been received. A copy of the complaint will be given to the Superintendent and Principal with directions given for the Principal to respond.
3. **Investigation** – After receiving the Principal’s response, the Federal Programs Office, along with the Superintendent, will determine whether further investigation is necessary. If necessary, the Federal Programs Coordinator and the Superintendent may do an onsite investigation at the school.
4. **Opportunity to Present Evidence** – The Federal Programs Director may provide for the complainant and the Principal to present evidence.
5. **Report and Recommended Resolution** – Once the Federal Programs Coordinator has completed the investigation and the taking of evidence, a report will be prepared with a recommendation for resolving the complaint. The report will give the name of the party

bringing the complaint, the nature of the complaint, a summary of the investigation, the recommended resolution and the reasons for the recommendation. Copies of the report will be issued to all parties involved. The recommended resolution will become effective upon issuance of the report.

6. **Follow up** – The Federal Programs Coordinator and the Superintendent will ensure that the resolution of the complaint is implemented.
7. **Time Limit** – The period between the Federal Programs Coordinator receiving the complaint and resolution of the complaint shall not exceed sixty (60) calendar days.
8. **Right to Appeal** – Either party may appeal the final resolution to the Department of Education. Appeals should be addressed as follows:

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