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Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Education
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Atlanta, GA 30303-8927

Via UPS Overnight Shipping and Email: OCR.Atlanta@ed.gov

Re: Administrative Complaint Against Hillsborough, FL, School District

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is a complaint brought by the ACLU and the ACLU of Florida against Hillsborough County Public Schools (“the District”) asserting violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”) and the regulations and policies promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of

One such session for kindergarten teachers entitled “**Busy Boys, Little Ladies**

Teachers of girls, by contrast, were invited to a program called “Creating Connections with Girls,” described as follows:

Girls will learn better if they believe a teacher cares about them and the subject being taught. This workshop will give teachers specific strategies that will help foster a classroom environment that develops personal connections with girls.

The District Failed to Show Any Relationship Between Separating Students Based on

parents and to provide accurate information regarding the non-discrimination mandate of Title IX.

We look forward to your prompt action, and welcome the opportunity to provide you any further assistance in this process. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Galen Sherwin, at 212-519-7819 or gsherwin@aclu.org, if you have any questions or would like further information.

Sincerely,

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