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**By Electronic Mail** 

Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, Superintendent Federal Way Public Schools 33330 8th Avenue South Federal Way, WA 98003

## Re: <u>Amendment to 2020 Settlement Agreement Regarding Religious and</u> <u>National Origin Discrimination in Federal Way Public Schools</u>

Dear Dr. Pfeiffer:

As you know, on November 12, 2020, the United States Department of Justice and the Federal Way Public Schools executed a Settlement Agreement to resolve notice that the United States found meritorious complaints that the District deprived students of their equal protection rights consistent with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000c, *et seq.* 

The Agreement, as executed, will remain in effect until 60 days after the District submits its complete report due on July 15, 2023, and allows the parties, upon mutual written agreement, to amend the Settlement Agreement to address changed circumstances. Agreement ¶ IX.A. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District and the United States have agreed to a two-year extension to the Agreement.

As a result, paragraph IX.A. is revised as follows:

A. This Agreement will remain in effect until 60 days after the District submits its complete report due on July 15, 2025. The parties may, upon mutual written agreement, amend this Settlement Agreement to address changed circumstances.

This letter does not relieve the District of any of its substantive obligations under the Agreement, and the United States will continue to monitor the Agreement consistent with its existing terms and enforcement mechanisms.

For the Federal Way Public Schools:

For the United States of America:

DR. DANI PFEIFFER, Superintendent

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