



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

April 23, 2026

Sarah Parshall Perry
Vice President, Defending Education
Via e-mail only to: sarah@defendinged.org

Re: Los Angeles Unified School District (CA) – OCR Case Number 09-26-1638

Dear Ms. Perry:

On March 25, 2026, the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received the complaint you filed against the Los Angeles Unified School District (the District). The complaint alleged that the District is discriminating on the basis of race through its Black Student Achievement Plan (BSAP) by offering race-based programming for Black students that is not open to students of other races.

OCR enforces Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq., and its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 100, which prohibit discrimination based on race, color, and national origin by recipients of federal financial assistance. As a recipient of federal financial assistance from the Department of Education, the District must comply with this law.

OCR evaluated this complaint in accordance with OCR's [Case Processing Manual \(CPM\) \(Feb. 19, 2025\)](#) and has decided to open the complaint for investigation. OCR will investigate the following issue: Whether the District's Black Student Achievement Plan violates Title VI and its implementing regulations by providing services and programs to students based on their race and by excluding students of other races from the program.

Please note that opening an investigation does not mean that OCR has made a final determination with regard to the merits. During the investigation, OCR is neutral; OCR will collect and analyze the evidence it needs in order to make a decision about the complaint. OCR will ensure that its investigation is legally sufficient in accordance with OCR's CPM. Additional information is available at [Complaint Processing Procedures](#). Please note that you may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

If OCR determines during the course of the investigation that a complaint could be appropriate for mediation, OCR will contact the parties and offer this resolution option.

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Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. If OCR receives such a request, it will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information, that, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you have any questions, please contact me at anamaria.loya@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anamaria Loya', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anamaria Loya
Chief Attorney