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Dear Dillard Drive Middle School Students and Parents,

Welcome to the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year! We are very pleased that you and your child are a part of the Dillard Drive Middle School family. All of our Dragons and Dragonets are well into their routines and our teachers are providing the very best in instruction. This school year has been terrific in every way!

As many of you may recall, we faced a challenge during the 2007-08 school year when there was a serious conflict between groups of students. The conflict continued to escalate during the day, despite our efforts to restore calm. As a result, administration met with groups of students to try to determine the cause of the trouble and to prevent future incidents. Because we could not identify all of the students who were directly or indirectly involved at the time, and based on the unique circumstances, a decision was made to meet with groups of students based on their ethnic groups. During the meetings, we talked with the students about ways to reduce conflict, among other things. Each meeting began with an apology to students that were not involved in the conflict. I do regret any concern that my decision may have caused parents and their children. The decisions made on that day were out of a need to address the safety of all our students. I know as we continue to work together as a school family we will prevent conflicts of this nature in the future without the need to meet with students based on ethnicity.

It takes all of us working together collectively to provide an environment of educational excellence for our students. There is no substitute for positive parent involvement in the education of our children. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Edger Abron".

Teresa Edger Abron
Principal



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Re: Clarification Regarding OCR Complaint No. 11-08-1234

Dear Ms. Solomon:

I am writing on behalf of the Wake County Board of Education to express its agreement to resolve the above-referenced complaint based upon the conditions conveyed by OCR investigators Emily Frangos and Rachel Glickman to our attorney, Ann Majestic. Based upon these discussions, we agree that OCR will close this case without reaching a conclusion on the merits because the matter has been resolved with the following commitments by the district:

1. The attached letter will be sent to the parents of students at Dillard Middle School no later than February 16, 2009.
2. The district agrees that it will not separate students based solely on their race or national origin to address issues relating to student conduct and discipline.

We look forward to moving forward with these commitments as soon as we receive written confirmation of this agreement.

We appreciate the excellent efforts of your staff in reaching a resolution to this unique and sensitive matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Del Burns".

Del Burns, Ed.D.

C: Ann Majestic, Board Attorney