



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

May 18, 2001

(Address blacked out)

Dear (Name blacked out):

Dear x:

Your letter, dated March 1, 2001, addressed to Secretary Paige, U.S. Department of Education, was referred to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for a reply. In your letter, you indicated that you filed a formal complaint with former Secretary Riley on April 24, 2000, stating your disagreement with decisions rendered by the Utah State Office of Education, and you are requesting a response to that complaint.

As we told you in our letter to you dated March 4, 1997, in response to your same complaints regarding the provision of a free appropriate public education to x, we believe that OSEP has exhausted all avenues that are available under our authority to assist you. In view of the fact that x is well over the age limit to receive special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part B), there are no longer any means under Part B to assist x in obtaining appropriate services.

We sincerely regret that the issues raised when x was receiving services under Part B were not resolved to your satisfaction. However, we strongly urge you to pursue the postsecondary contacts that we have previously provided to you and that are able to provide x with the services x needs at this time in life.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Guard
Acting Director
Office of Special Education
Programs

cc: Dr. Mae Taylor
Utah State Office of Education