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Mr. Benjamin Vinson, Chairman Immigration Enforcement Review Board 270 Washigton Street, SW Suite I-156 Atlanta, Ga 30334

RE: Alleged Violation of O.C.G.A. 50-36-1

Dear Mr. Vinson:

The Bibb County School District currently offers English courses for parents of students who speak other languages, commonly referred to as "ESOL". The courses are not adult education classes, but courses we offer to parents to help them be more involved in their child's education and to understand the processes that take place within the schools. The courses are available at Porter Elementary School and Southfield Elementary School.

Under ESEA Title III, Sec. 3115 "SUBGRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES," subsection (d) (6) specifically indicates that LEA recipients of Title III funds may provide "community participation programs, family literacy services, and parent and family outreach and training activities to English learners and their families.." The District has elected to offer such services to the students and their respective families.

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The District has not violated O.C.G.A. 50-36-1. There is no merit to this complaint, and the District respectfully ask the Department of Audits and Accounts to dismiss the complaint.

Sincerely,

Randy Howard

Chief Legal Counsel

Bibb County School District

cc: Curtis L. Jones, Superintendent of Schools (via email)