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Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20035



May 17, 1995

The Honorable Lawton Chiles Governor of Florida Governor's Office State Capitol Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: Landmark Learning Center and G. Pierce Wood

Memorial Hospital

Dear Governor Chiles:

I am writing to inform you that the United States Department of Justice intends to investigate conditions at Landmark Learning Center and G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether the above-mentioned facilities violate the constitutional rights of their residents. The investigation will focus specifically on allegations concerning abuse and neglect of residents, inadequate medical and psychiatric care, failure to provide residents with adequate training programs and failure to provide services to residents in the least separate, most integrated setting. Initiating this investigation does not evidence any prejudgment that the facilities violate the residents' constitutional rights. If any violations are found, however, we will confer with you and your staff concerning appropriate corrective actions.

We will endeavor to coordinate this investigation with relevant officials of your Department. Please feel free to contact our office if you desire to communicate on this matter. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions on this matter. The attorneys assigned to the case are William G. Maddox at (202) 514-6251 and Tawana E. Davis at (202) 514-6534.

Sincerely,

Deval L. Patrick Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

cc: Ms. Judith E. Heumann
Assistant Secretary
Office of Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services

Mr. Thomas Hehir Director Office of Special Education Programs

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The Honorable Donna E. Shalala Secretary U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

Re: Landmark Learning Center and G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing to inform you that the United States Department of Justice intends to investigate conditions at the Landmark Learning Center and the G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

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cc: Harriet Raab, Esquire General Counsel

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Mr. Anthony J. Tirone Director Office of Survey & Certification Health Standards Quality Bureau

Mr. Dennis Hayashi Director Office of Civil Rights



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The Honorable Richard Riley Secretary United States Department of Education 600 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20202

Re: Landmark Learning Center and G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital

Dear Secretary Riley:

I am writing to inform you that the United States Department of Justice intends to investigate conditions at the Landmark Learning Center and the G. Pierce Wood Memorial Hospital pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

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cc: The Honorable Robert Butterworth
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