



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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Superintendent of Schools  
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SAN ANTONIO, TX 78234

Dear Superintendent:

I want to thank you and your school district for completing the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) for the 2009-10 School Year. Collecting relevant, accurate, and accessible data on critical issues in civil rights in education is vitally important to ensure equal educational opportunity for all students. I appreciate the time and effort that was required to provide this information.

The CRDC is a valuable source of information about access to educational opportunities in our Nation's public schools that is used by the Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and other Department offices as well as policymakers, researchers and many others in the education community. Part 1 of the 2009-10 CRDC data from approximately 7,000 districts and over 72,000 schools is available in a privacy protected format on the Department's website at [www.ocrdata.ed.gov](http://www.ocrdata.ed.gov). Part 2 will be available in the fall. I encourage you to visit the website and review your data as well as the data provided by districts across the nation. We hope the resources and tools on the website will support your efforts to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence.

The next CRDC will be conducted for the 2011-12 school year. This will be a universal collection in which every district and school in the nation will be selected to participate. Additional information, including the schedule for the upcoming collection, will be available at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/data.html> later this year. We will be sending out further updates as the survey collection approaches.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russlynn Ali".

Russlynn Ali  
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