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To Superintendents and Special Education Directors:

By now you may have heard of the proposed settlement agreement in the class action case Lane et al. v. Brown. To help with the process of informing class members, ODE has been asked to send out the attached notice to all school districts and educational service districts with the request that the document be prominently displayed in areas where parents and students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities may read it. Suggested areas for display include the front office bulletin boards of schools, on school notification boards, district and school websites, and in counseling/advising centers. We are also asking district's and ESD's to share the notice with all relevant staff as an effort to inform individuals with I/DD of the settlement, such as sharing in meetings with individuals with I/DD or their families when it's reasonable to do so.

The notice is also available at the DHS Employment First website, <http://iworkwesucceed.org>, on the Office of Developmental Disability Services' website, <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/DD/pages/index.aspx>, and on ODE's website in several locations. These websites will also have the notice in Spanish.

The attached notice is just a summary of the proposed agreement. Anyone who wants a complete copy of the settlement proposal, or otherwise has questions, should contact Kathy Wilde at Disability Rights Oregon, 610 SW Broadway, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97205, or by email at kwilde@droregon.org.

Thank you for complying with this request to post and share this notice so that potential interested parties can be fully informed.

Sincerely,

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