In the matter of **[name of private school] vs. [name of LEA public school district]**

[*Instruction: Above, enter name of private school, LEA, and Case Number. Date received will be added by Ombudsman.*]

As authorized by the Mississippi Administrative Code 7-3:80.4 and the Mississippi Department of Education’s *Every Student Succeeds Act: Equitable Services Dispute Resolution Procedure* the above-named LEA hereby files its **LEA Response to Complaint for Enforcement,** in response toabove-named private school’s Complaint for Enforcement concerning one or more disputes between the above-named parties regarding the equitable services requirements of *ESEA*.

[*Instruction: This Response is optional. If filed, it must be conveyed to the State Ombudsman within the five (5) business days following the LEA’s receipt from the Ombudsman of the private school’s Complaint for Enforcement. The Ombudsman will forward to the private school.]*

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| Name of LEA: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Name and title of LEA’s representative official: |  |
|  Representative’s contact number: |  |
| Representative’s email address: |  |

[*Instruction: On the pages that follow (use one page for each distinct dispute if more than one): Respond to each dispute presented by the private school in its* ***Complaint for Enforcement****. Any new, relevant documentation referenced in this Response must be attached to the Response (the school district’s Final Equitable Services Plan for the private school, if any, need not be attached).*]

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| The number of additional pages is: |  |

Upon receipt, the Ombudsman will forward this **Response** to the private school representative.

An in-person **Enforcement Hearing** presided over by the Ombudsman and including private school representative(s):

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| [ ]  | is requested. | [ ]  | is **not** requested. |

If either party requests an in-person hearing, the hearing shall be scheduled at an LEA facility within the next 10 business days following the deadline for the filing of this Response. If neither party requests an in-person hearing, the Ombudsman will issue a written decision based solely on the Complaint for Enforcement*,* the school district’s Response (if any) and all documentation associated with the case.

[*Compose Response Details on the next page.*]

**RESPONSE DETAILS**

[*Instruction: Enter the information requested below. Documentary and other (video, audio, etc.) evidence may be referenced in your narrative section, and attached. The narrative section may continue onto successive pages if necessary. If there are two or more distinct disputes, use a separate* **RESPONSE DETAILS** *page for each dispute.*]

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| Name of private school | Name of public school district |
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| **1.)** *In the space below, first quote the text of the corresponding private school dispute (see,* Complaint for Enforcement: DISPUTE DETAILS)*. Second, but only if the LEA frames the dispute differently, give an alternative text briefly describing the dispute as characterized by the LEA:* |
| [insert text of private school’s “identify dispute (brief description)” section from the Complaint for Enforcement, here] |
| [if the LEA frames the dispute differently, give the LEA’s alternative brief description here] |

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| **2.)** *In the space below, identify (to the extent possible) the requirement(s) of ESEA applicable to this dispute (which might differ from those identified by the private school):*  |
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| **3.)** *In the space below, provide a* ***narrative****, demonstrating with all possible specificity, how the LEA has complied with the requirement(s) of ESEA in the disputed matter, and responding to the private school’s narrative contained in its* Complaint. |