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Chronology of Events: Title VI Lau Review
Involving Unorganized Borough Schools

1. January 1975: OCR investigation on Lau issues begins in Alaska State-operated school system.
2. March 1976: OCR issues findings of Title VI Lau noncompliance to Alaska Unorganized Borough School District (transitional successor to ASOSS).
3. April 1976: OCR, DOE, and AUBSD officials meet to discuss how to resolve the March findings. Agreement reached that State DOE will take lead responsibility to provide guidance to REAA districts.
4. May 1976: State Board of Education directs DOE to establish minimum guidelines for bilingual education for Alaska school districts.
5. June 1976: OCR and DOE meet to discuss what elements should be addressed in State Lau guidelines plan.
6. June 1976: DOE meets with REAA superintendents to inform them that DOE will be undertaking the lead responsibility to develop State guidelines on Lau/bilingual matters.
7. September 1976: OCR sends letter to DOE explaining why OCR is looking to DOE as agency with lead responsibility for providing compliance plan to resolve the March findings. (Attached.)
8. November 1976: DOE sends in its first Lau compliance plan. OCR meets with DOE and explains OCR written analysis determining the plan unacceptable. (Written OCR analysis attached.)
9. December 1976: DOE sends in a draft revised Lau plan.
10. January 1977: OCR provides oral and written analysis of December draft plan, determining it unacceptable. (Written OCR analysis attached.)

11. February 1977: OCR initiates fund termination proceeding under Section 602 of 1964 Civil Rights Act. Named respondents include all REAA districts and State DOE. (Notice of Opportunity for Hearing attached.)
12. March 1977: DOE submits to OCR its third Lau compliance plan.
13. April 1977: OCR determines the March 1977 DOE plan unacceptable. (OCR analysis attached.) DOE, OCR, and Alaska Legal Services agree on new scenario for development of State minimum guidelines "handbook".
14. June 1977: Acceptable "handbook" negotiated, and submitted and explained to REAA staff.
15. July 1977: Process of public input initiated. Title VI enforcement hearing postponed to October 31, 1977. (Stipulation postponing hearing attached.)