Legal Aid Of N.C. And Southern Poverty Law Center File Federal Complaint Against Wake Schools

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RALEIGH, (AP) — Two legal advocacy groups have filed a federal civil rights complaint against North Carolina's largest school system alleging discrimination against Latino students and their families.

The complaint filed against the Wake County Public School System by Legal Aid of North Carolina and the Southern Poverty Law Center asks the U.S. Department of Education to require the system to provide documents sent home about suspensions and special education services in Spanish for parents with limited proficiency in English. The complaint names three Wake students who had information provided to their families in English even though their parents couldn't read the documents, a practice the groups contend violates federal law.

Latinos account for about 15 percent of the district's student population, with about half of those children having limited proficiency in English.