NOTICE OF STUDENT RIGHTS UNDER TITLE IX

(34 C.F.R. § 106.8, subd. (b); Cal. Ed. Code § 221.61.)

Federal Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), implemented at 34 C.F.R. § 106.31, subd. (a), provides that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by a recipient which receives federal financial assistance.

Relevant here, Title IX requires that school districts take immediate and appropriate action to address any potential Title IX violations that are brought to its attention. Any inquiries about the application of Title IX, this notice, and who is protected by Title IX may be referred to Nancy Longworth, to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights from the United States Department of Education, or both.

Title IX Coordinator

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Sexual Harassment Under Title IX

Sexual harassment under Title IX means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

- 1. An employee of the school district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit or service of the school district on an individual's participating in unwelcome sexual conduct (quid pro quo);
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the recipient's education program or activity; or
- 3. "Sexual assault" as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), "dating violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8), or "stalking" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(30).

Alleged conduct that does not rise to the level of the sexual harassment under Title IX will be addressed in accordance with other District policies that prohibit sexual harassment and/or sexbased discrimination, or other forms of inappropriate conduct, as is deemed appropriate.

Student Rights Pursuant to Education Code Section 221.8

In addition to federal law, the California Education code similarly prohibits schools from discriminating against its students on the basis of sex. Education Code section 221.8 provides as follows:

The following list of rights, which are based on the relevant provisions of the federal regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), may be used by the department for purposes of Section 221.6:

- (a) You have the right to fair and equitable treatment and you shall not be discriminated against based on your sex.
- (b) You have the right to be provided with an equitable opportunity to participate in all academic extracurricular activities, including athletics.
- (c) You have the right to inquire of the athletic director of your school as to the athletic opportunities offered by the school.
- (d) You have the right to apply for athletic scholarships.
- (e) You have the right to receive equitable treatment and benefits in the provision of all the following:
 - 1. Equipment and supplies.
 - 2. Scheduling of games and practices.
 - 3. Transportation and daily allowances.
 - 4. Access to tutoring.
 - 5. Coaching.
 - 6. Locker rooms.
 - 7. Practice and competitive facilities.
 - 8. Medical and training facilities and services.
 - 9. Publicity.
- (f) You have the right to have access to a gender equity coordinator to answer questions regarding gender equity laws.
- (g) You have the right to contact the State Department of Education and the California Interscholastic Federation to access information on gender equity laws
- (h) You have the right to file a confidential discrimination complaint with the United States Office for Civil Rights or the state Department of Education if you believe you have been discriminated against or if you believe you have received unequal treatment on the basis of your sex.
- (i) You have the right to pursue civil remedies if you have been discriminated against.

(j) You have the right to be protected against retaliation if you file a discrimination complaint.

Additional Resources

- United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights:
 - https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html
- United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Complaint:
 - https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html
- United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Contact Information: 1-800-421-3481 or ocr@ed.gov

California Department of Education Office of Equal Opportunity:

https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/or/oeo.asp

 <u>Board Policy</u> and <u>Administrative Regulation 1312.3</u> – Uniform Complaint Procedures, <u>Board Policy 5145.3</u> – Nondiscrimination/Harassment, <u>Board Policy</u> and Administrative Regulation 5145.7