



LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Title IX Compliance update

To our Locust Valley Central School District families,

The Commissioner of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has issued an order, effective immediately, prohibiting the enforcement of our October 15, 2025, Title IX resolution as originally adopted. The resolution had outlined the district's intention to align with the federal interpretation of Title IX and require all students to utilize the district's gender-neutral bathrooms and locker rooms or those which correspond to their biological sex.

In accordance with the Commissioner's directive, and absent an overriding administrative or judicial determination, the district must now follow the Commissioner's interpretation of state law, which is that students may use a bathroom or locker room consistent with their gender identity. Please note that our gender-neutral bathrooms and gender-neutral locker room remain open and accessible to all students.

As shared during the October 15 Board meeting, the district continues to navigate a complex and evolving legal landscape shaped by federal and state mandates. We also remain committed to protecting the rights of all students in our district as well as preserving the state and federal funding that sustains our high-quality educational programs.

Therefore, we are pursuing further legal counsel to ensure our actions remain consistent with the rule of law and in full compliance with all applicable regulations while upholding the integrity of our district's mission and values.

We expect to continue our partnership with you, our administration, teachers, staff and all members of our community to uphold our foremost priority of ensuring a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for every child.

As always, we will continue to lead with fidelity and transparency, and are available for any questions you may have.

Thank you,

The Locust Valley Central School District Board of Education

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