

RESOLUTION OF THE KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO TITLE IX

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2024, the United States Department of Education, an Executive Branch agency, announced unilateral and substantive amendments to Title IX without legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, Title IX, enacted by Congress in 1972, provides that “no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” 20 U.S.C. §1681(a); and

WHEREAS, “on the basis of sex” in Title IX is referring to biological sex, which is an immutable characteristic that cannot be changed, fluid, or altered; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to Title IX redefine “sex” to include “gender identity” which will cause immeasurable harm to women and girls by stripping them of the legal protections Title IX was intended to afford them; and

WHEREAS, these changes will force schools to allow biological males to participate in women’s sports, use their restrooms, locker rooms, and other sex-specific spaces, and schools that refuse will risk losing federal education funding; and

WHEREAS, there are physical differences between biological males and biological females; these differences do not disappear because an individual wills it to be so, and so allowing biological males into female-specific spaces poses not only a safety risk to girls and women but sends a chilling message to future generations of girls and undermines their efforts and achievements; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of girls and women have been forced to compete against men, robbed of awards and titles, or have suffered the damaging experience of watching men being allowed into their restrooms, locker rooms, and other sex-specific spaces, harming their right to basic equality, safety, and equal opportunity under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Keller Independent School District (KISD) recognizes and respects the unique experiences and attributes of girls and women and is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for its female students; and



WHEREAS, on April 29, 2024, Texas Governor Greg Abbott sent a letter to President Biden stating he had exceeded his constitutional authority in rewriting certain aspects of Title IX and instructed the Texas Education Agency to ignore these changes; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2024, Tarrant County Judge Tim O'Hare released a statement calling for superintendents and education leaders in Tarrant County to disregard the Biden administration's unilateral Title IX rewrite; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2024, Texas State Representative Nate Schatzline, who represents Keller ISD, released a statement demanding the Biden administration reconsider the rewrite of Title IX; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2024, a Federal Judge ruled in favor of the State of Texas in a lawsuit brought by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, Ken Paxton, against the United States Department of Education in response to the proposed changes to Title IX; and

WHEREAS, the Judge Reed O'Connor issued a permanent injunction, explaining, "Rather than promote the equal opportunity, dignity, and respect that Title IX demands for both biological sexes, [the DOE's] Guidance Documents do the opposite in an effort to advance an agenda wholly divorced from the text, structure, and contemporary context of Title IX."

NOW, LET IT BE RESOLVED the Keller Independent School District Board of Trustees, at a public meeting duly called and assembled:

Denounces the recent changes to Title IX by the Biden administration, expressing deep concern over the negative impact it will have on female students;

Affirms that the unique characteristics of the two human genders—male and female—are distinct, valuable, and immutable;

Affirms the words "female," "girl," and "woman" are an essential recognition of scientific reality, clearly describing the biological existence of female humans, which must have priority over language of preferred personal identification;

Affirms that female athletes should be able to compete with dignity and have equal chances of opportunity and success;

Commits to ensuring women and girls are not sidelined, or their safety jeopardized, to validate the feelings and identity of males;

Commits to protecting female sports, restrooms, locker rooms, and other sex-specific spaces;

Expresses strong support for the legal challenges filed by Attorney General of the State of Texas to prohibit Title IX enforcement based on sexual orientation or gender identity;

Commits that no policy or procedural changes will be implemented or considered that would disenfranchise female students; and

Directs the Superintendent to send copies of this Resolution to TEA Commissioner Morath, the Texas State Board of Education, and other relevant stakeholders to underscore the importance of this matter to the KISD community and to seek support for our efforts to ensure these changes are challenged at the highest levels.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED on this 20th day of June, 2024, by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed by the Board of Trustees of the Keller Independent School District.



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President, Board of Trustees



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