

# EAST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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July 15, 2024

New York State Board of Regents  
Attn: Mr. Roger Tilles  
Long Island University Post  
720 Northern Boulevard, Lorber Hall, Room 211  
Brookville, NY 11548

Dear Mr. Tilles,

The East Islip UFSD School Board firmly opposes the proposed changes to the gender-neutral regulations that govern the participation of male and female students on opposite-sex school sports teams. Implementing such revisions would not only set back the progress made in promoting female sports over the years but also pose a significant safety risk to our students, potentially resulting in serious injuries. We are vehemently against any situation that could jeopardize the well-being of our students.

Moreover, the suggested alterations to the rule would do away with the school-based evaluation panels and the Tanner test, which are essential tools for assessing the risk of injury for student athletes. By eliminating these evaluations from the screening process, we would be stripping away a crucial layer of protection that the school district offers to our students.

We strongly oppose any measures that would compromise the safety and well-being of our students. We urge you to reconsider the proposed revisions in light of these concerns, as they not only endanger students and create an unsafe environment but also undermine the progress that has been made in advancing female sports.

Sincerely,

Michael Dorgan, President

Stephen Ruland, Vice President

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