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LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #25 BOARD REJECTS USDOE TITLE IX REGULATIONS

A resolution was approved at the August 19 governing board meeting

BUCKEYE, Ariz. – During this past Monday’s Liberty Elementary School District’s regular board meeting, the board voted on how the district will proceed with Title IX as it currently plays out in the federal court system.

“Our board has worked tirelessly to make sure that we are providing the absolute best for our student body, and we continued that tonight by approving these policies,” said LESD Board President Michael Todd. “I have said since day one, that we are going to be the best elementary school district, and this helps push us in that direction. These were very important issues to the community, staff, and board.”

The Liberty Elementary School District Governing Board inquired about the Arizona Department of Education’s position with respect to the federal Department of Education’s (USDOE) proposed Title IX regulations, which were scheduled to take effect on August 1, 2024. These proposed regulations have been met with a number of defeats in the federal courts, and it is still uncertain what the final situation will be. The Liberty Governing Board determined that the United States Department of Education has final regulation, which is contrary to the plain language of Title IX. The Governing Board also strongly urges the Arizona State Legislature to further codify the state statutes to ensure our students are protected from the political weaponization of government, which would infringe on both federal and state constitutional rights. LESD will continue to serve as the educational hub for its community and will continue to respect Title IX as it was intended. The District will also continue to respect the dignity of every person we serve.

“I am a strong proponent of keeping children safe and keeping politics out of the classroom,” said LESD board Vice President Bryan Parks. “We are teaching our students as young as pre-school, all the way up to eighth grade. In my mind and the board's mind, this has no place in our district. We want these children to have a safe place to learn and receive the best education possible, so that they may graduate and

go on to grow in their academic career. With this decision, we are able to keep that promise for our students and give them the best education possible.”

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About LESD25

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating more than 4,500 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging learning environments. Through individual accomplishment, personal leadership, and contribution to their community, children flourish. Discover more at liberty25.org.

Inspire students to be lifelong learners and empower all students to reach their full potential

