

February 19, 2025

## Statement from the Carroll ISD Board President on Behalf of the Board of Trustees to the Community Regarding the Recent Title IX Ruling

Dear Carroll ISD Community,

I am writing on behalf of your Carroll ISD Board of Trustees to inform you of a significant development regarding our district's legal challenge to the United States Department of Education's revised interpretation of Title IX. On February 19, 2025, United States District Judge Reed O'Connor issued a final judgement in favor of Carroll ISD, ruling that the Department of Education's re-write of Title IX exceeds its statutory authority and undermines the essential protections Title IX was designed to provide.

This decision to **vacate** the Final Rule is an important victory, affirming our dedication to maintain a learning environment where all students can thrive in a safe environment. We are committed to ensuring that Title IX continues to fulfill its foundational promise: to prevent any form of discrimination based on sex in education. Our primary concern has always been the safety and well-being of our students, and this ruling reinforces our ability to uphold these values.

We thank Judge O'Connor for acknowledging the critical importance of these protections and the potential consequences the revised interpretation would have imposed. This ruling, which states that the re-write "undermines the purpose of Title IX, endangers students, and has no basis in reality," underscores our concerns and validates the rationale behind our challenge.

Please know that Carroll ISD will continue to comply fully with federal and state laws regarding nondiscrimination and make every effort to protect the rights of all our students while ensuring an environment that supports educational excellence.

Sincerely,

Cam Bryan
President, Carroll ISD Board of Trustees

