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Conflict between Federal Title IX rules and NYSED rules

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To: "Sweet Home Supt. Michael Ginestre" <mginestre@sweethomeschools.org>

Dear Dr. Ginestre,

Might you be able to read this and share it with the other administrators and board members?

Dear Administrators and Members of the Board of Education:

Often, historical moments that appear difficult can be opportunities to demonstrate courageous leadership.

I am writing to ask you to demonstrate such courageous leadership at this time. Specifically, I am asking you to openly support the position of the Federal government on Title IX.

I understand you are between the proverbial rock and a hard place. If you comply with Federal Title IX rules, then you violate NYS rules on "gender expansive students." But if you comply with NYS rules and allow biological males to play on female sports' teams and to use the bathrooms and locker rooms that correspond with "gender identity," then you violate Federal Title IX rules.

I understand that funding is at stake no matter what you do.

But I am writing to you to ask you to have a concern greater than funding. I am asking you to courageously be on the right side of history. I am asking you to do the right thing.

We are emerging (hopefully) from a strange era, an era of confusion that made it difficult to do and say the right thing even when one knew what the right thing was.

Consider...

It is easy to know that sex is binary. The science (physiology and anatomy, genetics, and endocrine) are clear and unambiguous. Yet it has been controversial in recent years to make such a statement or hold such a policy.

It's easy to know that it is not in the best interest of girls for educational institutions to allow biological males in their sports and in their private spaces. Yet it has been controversial in academia to support such a view.

It's easy to know that parents are more than mere stakeholders and that they should be included in the consequential decisions that affect the lives of their children. Yet it has been controversial – and at time prohibited – from including parents in such decisions.

It's easy to know that clarity in communication breaks down when we stop using a binary approach to gender and embrace an unconventional, subjective, arbitrary, and unruly use of language and pronouns. Yet educational agencies and institutions have given in to the pressure to allow such confusion in the door.

It's easy to know that the bodies of our children are not mistakes. Yet the affirmation model has been demanded as the norm in K-12 schools across New York.

It is my guess that for most school administrators and members of boards of education, the topic of gender identity, preferred pronouns, allowing biological males into female spaces, and keeping information from parents is not something you would pursue if the choice were yours.

Who made this choice for you?

Who put you in such a position as this?

I suspect it was those who occupy high positions of power in government and agencies. I strongly doubt it was the people and parents of your communities, the ones who have put their trust in you.

that aligns with the Federal position on Title IX. Communicate your position to your community, welcome them to participate in pushing back on a State that has pressured you to do what you know is not right and what is causing harm to our children. Be someone who can one day look back and know that you were on the right side of history.

Sincerely,
Linda La Scala
District resident

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