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Re: Case No. 01-19-4025
Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference

Case No. 01-19-1252
Glastonbury Public Schools

Case No. 01-20-1003
Bloomfield Public Schools

Case No. 01-20-1004
Canton Public Schools

Case No. 01-20-1005
Cromwell Public Schools

Case No. 01-20-1006
Danbury Public Schools

Case No. 01-20-1007
Hartford Public Schools

Dear Attorneys Mizerak, Monastersky, Murphy, Yoder, and Zelman:

This is to notify you that the Department of Education has referred the above-referenced cases against the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), Glastonbury Public Schools (Glastonbury), Bloomfield Public Schools (Bloomfield), Canton Public Schools (Canton), Cromwell Public Schools (Cromwell), Danbury Public Schools (Danbury), and Hartford Public Schools (Hartford) to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). This action was taken because the Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has been unable to obtain an adequate voluntary agreement(s) from the CIAC, Glastonbury, Bloomfield, Canton, Cromwell, Danbury, and Hartford to correct the violations of Title IX, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*, and its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, regarding the denial of athletic benefits and opportunities to female student-athletes competing in interscholastic girls' track in the state of Connecticut through the Revised Transgender Participation Policy.

OCR has provided the CIAC, Glastonbury, Bloomfield, Canton, Cromwell, Danbury, and Hartford opportunities to submit a remedial agreement(s) since the issuance of our Letter of Impending Enforcement Action of May 15, 2020, and revised Letter of Impending Enforcement Action of August 31, 2020. Most recently, my letter of September 17, 2020, advised the CIAC, Glastonbury, Bloomfield, Canton, Cromwell, Danbury, and Hartford that I would refer this case to the DOJ unless an acceptable remedial agreement(s) was provided to OCR within 10 days. To date, the CIAC, Glastonbury, Bloomfield, Canton, Cromwell, Danbury, and Hartford have not offered any remedial agreement(s) to resolve the violations in order to ensure compliance with Title IX and its implementing regulations.

Thus, this matter has been referred to the DOJ with a request and recommendation that judicial proceedings be initiated to enforce the rights of the United States under Title IX.

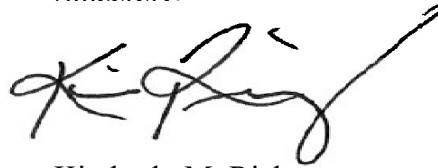
This document expresses policy that is inconsistent in many respects with Executive Order 13988 on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation and was issued without the review required under the Department's Rulemaking and Guidance Procedures, 85 Fed. Reg. 62597 (Oct. 5, 2020).

Correspondence regarding this matter should be directed to:

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Enclosed is a copy of the letter from the Department's Acting General Counsel, Reed Rubinstein, to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, The Honorable Eric S. Dreiband, which explains the referral.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly M. Richey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Kimberly M. Richey
Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

Enclosure