



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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(In reply, please refer to case no. 09-13-1346.)

Dear Ms. Chidester:

In a letter dated June 11, 2013, the U.S. Department of Education (Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), notified your client Chino Valley Unified School District (Recipient) that OCR would begin investigation of a complaint alleging that the Recipient engaged in discrimination based on sex. Specifically, the complaint alleged that the Recipient discriminates against female student athletes in its interscholastic program at Chino Hills High School in its provision of locker rooms, and practice and competitive facilities; and its accommodation of the athletic interests and abilities of female students.

OCR enforces Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulation. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in programs and activities operated by recipients of Federal financial assistance. The Recipient receives Department funds, is a public education system, and is subject to the requirements of Title IX.

Under Article III, Section 302, of OCR's Case Processing Manual, a complaint may be resolved at any time before the conclusion of an investigation when the recipient expresses an interest in resolving the complaint. Prior to the completion of OCR's investigation, the Recipient expressed an interest in resolving the complaint. On July 17, 2014, the Recipient submitted a Resolution Agreement (Agreement) which, when implemented, will resolve the allegations of this complaint. For this reason, OCR did not complete its investigation or reach findings or conclusions as to whether the Recipient had failed to comply with Title IX.

OCR has determined that the Recipient's commitments expressed in the enclosed Agreement, when implemented, will resolve the issues in this complaint and is closing this matter as of the date of this letter. The provisions of the Agreement are particular to the unique facts and circumstances of this case and should not be relied upon as the appropriate remedy for all such situations. OCR will monitor the implementation of the enclosed Agreement and may reopen the investigation if the District does not implement the provisions of the Agreement.

This concludes OCR's consideration of the complaint and should not be interpreted to address the Recipient's compliance with any other regulatory provision or to address any issues other than those addressed in this letter. This letter sets forth OCR's determination in an individual OCR case. This letter is not a formal statement of OCR policy and should not be relied upon, cited, or construed as such. OCR's formal policy statements are approved by a duly authorized OCR official and made available to the public.

Please be advised that the Recipient may not harass, coerce, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual because he or she has filed a complaint or participated in the complaint resolution process. If this happens, the Complainant may file another complaint alleging such treatment. The complainant may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related records upon request. In the event that OCR receives such a request, it will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personal information that, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you have any questions, please contact Yohance Edwards at (415) 486-5585 or Tammi Wong at (415) 486-5564.

Sincerely,

/s/

James M. Wood
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Enclosure