



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

January 10, 2017

Nate Brandstater, PhD  
President  
Kettering College of Medical Arts  
3737 Southern Boulevard  
Kettering, OH 45429

Dear President Brandstater:

I write to respond to your July 10, 2016, letter to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in which Kettering College of Medical Arts of Kettering, Ohio (Kettering) seeks to disclaim a religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. § 1681, that it was previously granted.

Kettering requested a religious exemption from certain provisions of the Title IX regulations in 1975 and OCR granted this request by letter dated September 13, 1985. Your current letter indicates that Kettering, while still "controlled... by its affiliation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church," is "committed to complying with all provisions of Title IX" without exemption. Based on your letter withdrawing the religious exemption request, Kettering is no longer exempt from Title IX under 34 C.F.R. § 106.12.

Your letter further requests that OCR remove Kettering from any lists of institutions holding a Title IX exemption. At times, OCR must produce to members of the public lists of institutions that currently hold exemptions or have requested exemptions in the past. If OCR produces such lists, it will take steps to ensure that Kettering's status is accurately reflected. In addition, Kettering's 1975 request letter and 2016 withdrawal letter, as well as OCR's responses, are posted with other historical exemption materials on OCR's website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Catherine E. Lhamon  
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights