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Dear County and District Superintendents; Superintendents of State Special Schools; and Public, Charter, and Private School Administrators:

SEX EQUITY IN EDUCATION ACT ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Title IX remains a critical federal civil rights law which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex (including sexual harassment) in our schools. It protects male and female students and employees in any educational entity that receives federal funds. In addition, Title IX protects transgender students and students who do not conform to sex stereotypes. State law also prohibits discrimination based on gender (sex), gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

California *Education Code* Section 221.61 strengthens and expands upon Title IX and state sex equity in education requirements. Specifically, by July 1, 2017, public schools, private schools, school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools receiving federal funding were required to post information on their internet website relative to the designated Title IX Coordinator, the rights of students and the responsibilities of schools, and a description of how to file a complaint. Schools should continue to monitor and update information to reflect changes in staff as well as any state and federal legal requirements.

To fully understand the Title IX requirements, we recommend an examination of [34 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 106](#). Additionally, the law may not be applicable to all private schools receiving federal funds. There are specific federal guidelines allowing exemptions to the Title IX requirements if funds are received under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). For more information, please visit the Office of Civil Rights' [frequently asked question page](#).

These requirements are essential to ensure equity in education, and your efforts are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact my staff by phone at 916-445-9174 or by email at oeoinfo@cde.ca.gov.

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