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Notice of Language Assistance Letter to Title IX Coordinators

Notice of Language Assistance: If you have difficulty understanding English, you may, free of charge, request language assistance services for this Department information by calling 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (TTY: 1-800-877-8339), or email us at: Ed.Language.Assistance@ed.gov.

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Thông báo dành cho những người có khả năng Anh ngữ hạn chế: Nếu quý vị gặp khó khăn trong việc hiểu Anh ngữ thì quý vị có thể yêu cầu các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ cho các tin tức của Bộ dành cho công chúng. Các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ này đều miễn phí. Nếu quý vị muốn biết thêm chi tiết về các dịch vụ phiên dịch hay thông dịch, xin vui lòng gọi số 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (TTY: 1-800-877-8339), hoặc email: Ed.Language.Assistance@ed.gov.

영어 미숙자를 위한 공고: 영어를 이해하는 데 어려움이 있으신 경우, 교육부 정보 센터에 일반인 대상 언어 지원 서비스를 요청하실 수 있습니다. 이러한 언어 지원 서비스는 무료로 제공됩니다. 통역이나 번역 서비스에 대해 자세한 정보가 필요하신 경우, 전화번호 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 또는 청각 장애인용 전화번호 1-800-877-8339 또는 이메일 주소 Ed.Language.Assistance@ed.gov 으로 연락하시기 바랍니다.

Paunawa sa mga Taong Limitado ang Kaalaman sa English: Kung nahihirapan kayong makaintindi ng English, maaari kayong humingi ng tulong ukol dito sa inpormasyon ng Kagawaran mula sa nagbibigay ng serbisyo na pagtulong kaugnay ng wika. Ang serbisyo na pagtulong kaugnay ng wika ay libre. Kung kailangan ninyo ng dagdag na impormasyon tungkol sa mga serbisyo kaugnay ng pagpapaliwanag o pagsasalin, mangyari lamang tumawag sa 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (TTY: 1-800-877-8339), o mag-email sa: Ed.Language.Assistance@ed.gov.

Уведомление для лиц с ограниченным знанием английского языка: Если вы испытываете трудности в понимании английского языка, вы можете попросить, чтобы вам предоставили перевод информации, которую Министерство Образования доводит до всеобщего сведения. Этот перевод предоставляется бесплатно. Если вы хотите получить более подробную информацию об услугах устного и письменного перевода, звоните по телефону 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (служба для слабослышащих: 1-800-877-8339), или отправьте сообщение по адресу: Ed.Language.Assistance@ed.gov.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

April 24, 2015

Dear Title IX Coordinator:

Thank you for serving as the Title IX coordinator for your school, school district, college, or university. Your work, and that of your fellow coordinators across the country, is essential to ensuring that all students in the United States, regardless of their sex, have an equal educational opportunity. As a Title IX coordinator, you are an invaluable resource for every person in your institution's community—including students, their parents or guardians, employees, and applicants for admission and employment—regarding their rights under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX).¹ The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) supports your efforts to help your institution comply with Title IX and the Department's implementing regulations,² and looks forward to working with you and your institution to provide students with an educational environment free from sex discrimination.

This letter accompanies a Dear Colleague letter to your school district superintendent or college or university president that reminds all educational institutions receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department that they must designate at least one employee to coordinate their efforts to comply with and carry out their responsibilities under Title IX. That letter explains the significance of your work as the Title IX coordinator to the institution's compliance with Title IX and the importance of providing you with the appropriate authority and support necessary to perform your responsibilities.

This letter also accompanies a resource guide that may assist you in your work as a Title IX coordinator. The resource guide first provides an overview of the scope of Title IX. It then explains Title IX's administrative requirements, which are the foundation for your job and your institution's compliance with Title IX. The resource guide also discusses your institution's obligations with respect to some of the key issues under Title IX and provides references to helpful Federal

¹ 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681–1688. The Department of Justice (DOJ) shares enforcement authority over Title IX with OCR.

² The Department's Title IX regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 106, are available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/rights/reg/ocr/edlite-34cfr106.html>.

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resources. Finally, the resource guide discusses your institution's obligation to report information to the Department that could be relevant to Title IX compliance.³

To be an effective Title IX coordinator, you must have the full support of your institution. Such support includes making your role as the Title IX coordinator visible in the community. Because the obligation to designate a Title IX coordinator affects educational institutions of every size and at every educational level, there are a variety of ways to ensure that Title IX coordinators have the necessary support to help institutions meet their obligations under Title IX. For more information about how your institution should support your work as the Title IX coordinator, please see the accompanying Dear Colleague Letter and Title IX Resource Guide.

I commend you for your efforts to ensure students learn in educational environments free from discrimination, and OCR supports you in your work. If you need technical assistance, please contact the OCR regional office serving your state or territory by visiting <http://wdcrocolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> or call OCR's Customer Service Team at 1-800-421-3481; TDD 1-800-877-8339.

Thank you for your commitment to assisting your institution in complying with Title IX and to ensuring that all your institution's students have safe and healthy environments in which to learn and thrive. I look forward to continuing to work with Title IX coordinators nationwide to help prevent and address sex discrimination in our nation's schools.

Sincerely,

/s/

Catherine E. Lhamon

Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

³ These documents only address an institution's compliance with Title IX and do not address its obligations under other federal laws, such as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.