## Washington State Proposed School Board Resolution to Comply with Title IX

Whereas Title IX is a 53 year old federal law intended to protect the rights of girls to fair treatment in academic and athletic programs that receive federal fundings, and

Whereas on January 9, 2025, a federal court in the case of **Tennessee v Cardona** issued an order requiring all educational agencies in the United States that receive federal funding to immediately comply with Title IX and <u>https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/attorneygeneral/documents/pr/2025/2025-1-title-ix.pdf</u>

Whereas the federal court stated: "As this Court and others have explained, expanding the meaning of "on the basis of sex" to include "gender identity" turns Title IX on its head.... the entire point of Title IX is to prevent discrimination based on sex—throwing gender identity into the mix eviscerates the statute and **renders it largely meaningless.**"

Whereas based on the Tennessee V Cardona federal court order, on February 4, 2025, the US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) issued a "Dear Colleague" letter notifying all K-12 schools in the United States that they needed to immediately comply with the original meaning of Title IX. <u>https://www.ed.gov/media/document/title-ix-enforcement-directive-dcl-109477.pdf</u>

Whereas on February 5, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order which states: "Under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (Title IX), educational institutions receiving Federal funds cannot deny women an equal opportunity to participate in sports... Therefore, it is the policy of the United States to rescind all funds from educational programs that deprive women and girls of fair athletic opportunities." https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/keeping-men-out-of-womens-sports/

Where as our school district is an educational agency that receives federal funding, and

Whereas on February 6, 2025, and several other occasions since then, the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction falsely stated that Washington State Civil Rights policies such as Policy 3211 take priority over Presidential Orders seeking to enforce federal civil rights laws such as Title IX.

https://ospi.k12.wa.us/about-ospi/news-center/news-releases/state-superintendentchris-reykdals-statement-president-trumps-order-discriminate-against-trans

Whereas Policy 3211 requires allowing biological males to enter girls bathrooms and girls lockers rooms and participate in girls sports in direct violation of Title IX which prohibits allowing biological males from entering girls bathrooms or girls locker rooms or participating in girls sports and

Whereas State laws that directly contradict federal laws are null and void under Article VI Section II of the US Constitution and

Whereas we as school board members have taken an Oath of Office to comply with federal laws and the US Constitution...

## Therefore, we hereby resolve that:

Effective immediately, our school district will comply with Title IX by prohibiting biological males from entering girls bathrooms or girls locker rooms or participating in girls sports.

Furthermore, we encourage all other school boards in Washington state to honor their Oath of Office by passing this resolution to comply with Title IX and restore the Title IX rights of girls to fair sports competition here in Washington state.

School District Name:

Dated Resolution Passed:

School Board Member Names and Signatures: