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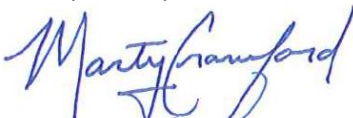
Dear Executive Director Troxell and Associate Executive Director Baskin,

With Texas Governor Abbott's recent letter to President Biden dated April 29, 2024, concerning the malicious overreach of Title IX 2024 reclassification, Texas K-12 public and charter schools will now be directed to ignore such by the Texas Education Agency. While I speak on behalf of Tyler ISD in East Texas, I suspect much of your membership's communities across the State of Texas will embrace such opportunity at civil disobedience regarding the topic.

As for Tyler ISD, this correspondence confirms that we will be following the Governor's edict. In turn, we expect our policies crafted by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), whether LEGAL or LOCAL, to reflect and adhere to Governor Abbott's instructions that ignore this constitutionally overreaching and illegal edict that is so offensive to our daughters, wives, and mothers. We believe in protecting girls and women's rights in the purest biological form in our schools, in athletic competition, in the use of facilities such as locker rooms and restrooms, and as well, the protection of our teachers and staff in the mindless game of misappropriating pronouns.

In an era of constant tension and stubborn hostility between legislators, educators, and para-educational groups, the Texas K-12 education community has an opportunity to stand with so many Texans on this issue by not delivering another self-inflicted wound, unlike previous salvos from pop-culture stances that have proven almost mortal for the institution of public education in our constituent's eyes. This cannot happen again with Title IX 2024 with self-proclaimed public ed mouthpieces stoking that maelstrom. We compel TASB to at least have flexible strategy for member districts that do not want to participate in this inexcusable Federal assault toward girls and women that has no place in schools. We implore for pragmatic options as your client and thus, not hijack our LEGAL and LOCAL policy that places us defenseless in our own communities, as previous Title IX policy attempts have.

Respectfully,



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