

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DATE: April 17, 2025

TO: Members, Board of Education

FROM: Sonja Shaw, President, Board of Education

SUBJECT: FEDERAL COMPLAINT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & PRESIDENT TRUMP’S ADMINISTRATION

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BACKGROUND

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a U.S. federal law enacted in 1974, establishes certain rights for parents regarding their children’s educational records, which includes granting parents and eligible students, certain rights regarding control over access to and dissemination of educational information. This ensures the relationship between school and family is open, strong, controlled, and involved.

In July 2024, AB 1955 was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom and used to limit parental rights related to their children’s welfare and rights - particularly in cases related to education, medical decisions, and other important areas of child-rearing. The so-called framework of AB 1955 claims to safeguard student’s privacy and confidentiality related to education records and clearly contradicts the very nature of FERPA, which was to protect student records from unauthorized third-party disclosure ---not from parents and family.

President Shaw submitted this agenda item in accordance with Board Bylaw 9322—Agenda/Meeting Materials.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to file a formal complaint to the U.S. Department of Education and President Trump’s administration, citing California’s violations of parental rights and student protections, and requesting immediate federal intervention.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

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April 18, 2025

U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Bldg
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-1100

Re: Formal Complaint – Violations of Parental Rights and Student Protections by the State of California

Dear President Trump and Officials at the U.S. Department of Education:

On behalf of the Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) Board of Education, we respectfully submit this formal complaint to bring urgent attention to ongoing violations of parental rights and student protections committed by Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Education (CDE), under the leadership of State Superintendent Tony Thurmond.

California has enacted active legislation—now law—that directly infringes on the constitutional rights of parents and students. These are not mere policies or suggestions. They are state-mandated laws that compel school districts to withhold critical information from parents regarding their own children, particularly when it comes to sensitive issues like gender identity and mental health.

When CVUSD implemented a common-sense parental notification policy—ensuring that parents are informed about vital decisions impacting their child’s safety and wellbeing—we were sued by the State of California. Following this legal attack, Governor Newsom signed into law AB 1955, a dangerous measure that codifies secrecy and strips parents of their God-given rights.

Even more egregiously, Governor Newsom has publicly claimed that AB 1955 was necessary to protect teachers from termination. But he is fully aware that CVUSD’s policy never placed that obligation on teachers—it clearly assigned responsibility to school administrators. His statements are deliberately misleading and serve to justify the unconstitutional targeting of parental authority.

Despite the ongoing legal battles, CVUSD has adopted a new policy that still allows us to inform parents of artificial or official record changes related to their child. However, even with this carefully crafted workaround, millions of children across California remain

completely unprotected. While Chino Valley Unified School District continues to stand in the gap for our families, students in districts across the state are left without any parental safeguards—vulnerable to harmful secrecy, manipulation, and state overreach.

These actions:

- Violate Title IX by promoting state-mandated directives that undermine fairness in athletics and compromise safety in restrooms and locker rooms.
- Contradict the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) by allowing schools to withhold vital student information from parents.
- Trample constitutional rights that guarantee parents a primary role in decisions affecting their children’s lives, safety, and moral upbringing.

Our District has been targeted, harassed, and punished for doing what’s right: standing with families and upholding transparency. Just like the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) is being held accountable for Title IX violations, our District is being held hostage by the same unlawful state pressure.

We respectfully request immediate federal intervention to:

1. Investigate California’s active laws and directives that violate federal protections and strip parents of their rights.
2. Defend local school districts who are punished for aligning with federal law and constitutional principles.
3. Restore the rightful role of parents in decisions affecting their children’s education, privacy, and safety.

We are ready to provide full documentation, including court filings, District policies, and communication records. We urge your administration to take swift and decisive action to stop this abuse of power and uphold the laws that protect American families.

Sincerely,

Sonja Shaw, President
Board of Education

Jonathan Monroe, Vice President
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Andrew Cruz, Clerk
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TO: Members, Board of Education

FROM: Sonja Shaw, President, Board of Education

SUBJECT: TITLE IX COMPLAINT AGAINST GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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BACKGROUND

In 1972, Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) was signed into law and states in part “no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.” Title IX is enforced by the Office of Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education. Title IX protection in athletic programs led to female only teams in high schools and colleges creating countless opportunities for young women.

Important reasons exist for female only spaces, such as safety, privacy, fairness in competition, and including faith based considerations. However, under Governor Newsom’s policies, female only spaces have disappeared. Protection in women’s athletics and access to female only spaces are under attack. His policies promote biological males who identify as female to compete in women sports, access female restrooms and locker rooms, create unfair advantages in competition, and undermine the original intent of Title IX protection for women. Governor Newsom has gone on record stating that allowing biological males in female sports is unfair but yet provides no solution to correct the harm done to female sports.

While the U.S. Department of Education has begun to take action against the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) for Title IX violations related to student athletics, ***it has become apparent that local educational authorities must also take a stand.***

President Shaw submitted this agenda item in accordance with Board Bylaw 9322—Agenda/Meeting Materials.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to file a formal Title IX complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights against Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Education for violating Title IX protections related to student safety, fairness in athletics, and privacy in restrooms and locker rooms.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

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Re: Title IX Complaint against the State of California, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, California Department of Education (CDE), and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Chino Valley Unified School District, we formally file a Title IX Civil Rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR") against the State of California, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, the California Department of Education (CDE), and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) for policies and practices that result in sex-based discrimination in California schools and student athletics.

We request URGENT federal intervention due to clear and egregious Title IX violations occurring in student athletics and through state-mandated school district policies that directly contradict Title IX protections. These discriminatory policies and mandates harm young women, violate their rights, and jeopardize federal funding for our District—funding that is critical for serving our most at-risk and underserved students.

Violation of Title IX and Federal Law

California state policy and the CIF allow biological males to compete in female athletics, violating Title IX and the Executive Orders issued by President Donald J. Trump on January 20, 2025, and February 5, 2025.

Currently, in California high school athletics, biological males are competing in girls' sports, displacing young women from opportunities and awards. Just last year, a biological male took titles that rightfully belonged to female athletes. This policy directly violates federal law, denying young women their equal opportunity to participate and excel in competitive sports and creating unsafe, unfair, and demoralizing conditions for female athletes.

Additionally, the California Department of Education (CDE) and State Superintendent Tony Thurmond have mandated that Chino Valley Unified School District revise its policies to conform to California's radical gender ideology mandates. These state-imposed directives force schools to violate Title IX by prioritizing gender identity over biological sex and requiring policies that actively exclude parents from critical decisions regarding their children's well-being.

Threat to Federal Funding & Educational Equity

Violations of Title IX and President Trump's Executive Orders put our District's federal funding at risk. Chino Valley Unified receives millions in federal funding annually, and any reduction or loss of these funds would be devastating—particularly for our most vulnerable students.

Like many school districts in California, Chino Valley has been systematically underfunded by the state government, leaving districts struggling to meet basic educational needs. The loss of federal funding would only further harm students, particularly low-income and minority communities who rely on these essential resources.

State of California's Ongoing Defiance of Title IX

Despite clear federal directives, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and the California Department of Education have refused to comply with Title IX, falsely claiming that "gender identity" supersedes biological sex. This unlawful interpretation disregards:

1. The U.S. Supreme Court's 2024 decision in *Dept. of Education v. Louisiana and Cardona v. Tennessee*, which ruled that:
 - Title IX protects biological sex, not gender identity.
 - Transgender policies that replace girls' rights are illegal.
 - Forcing female athletes to compete against males violates their rights.
2. The U.S. Department of Education's February 4, 2025, "Dear Colleague" Letter, which directed all K-12 schools to comply with the original meaning of Title IX—ensuring single-sex sports and protecting women's rights.
3. President Trump's Executive Orders, including:
 - "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports" (Feb. 5, 2025)
 - "Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schools" (Jan. 20, 2025)
 - "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism" (Jan. 20, 2025)

Despite these clear legal rulings and directives, Tony Thurmond, CDE, and CIF continue to violate Title IX and put federal funding in jeopardy by:

- Allowing biological males to compete in girls' sports
- Mandating that schools hide gender identity transitions from parents (Policy 5145.3)
- Forcing students and staff to use preferred pronouns, violating First Amendment rights
- Threatening funding and legal action against districts like Chino Valley that attempt to comply with federal law instead of California's unlawful mandates

Direct Conflict Between Federal Law and California's Radical Policies

The Chino Valley Unified School District is now caught between conflicting state and federal directives:

1. Restroom and Locker Room Access

- State Mandate: Allows access based on gender identity
- Federal Law (Executive Order, Feb. 5, 2025): Requires facilities based on biological sex
- Conflict: California forces schools to violate Title IX, placing federal funding at risk

2. Participation in Athletics

- State Mandate: Allows biological males to compete in girls' sports
- Federal Law (Executive Order, Feb. 5, 2025): Bars biological males from female athletics
- Conflict: Chino Valley is required to follow state law but risks violating federal protections for women's sports

3. Parental Rights

- State Mandate: Schools must keep gender transitions secret from parents (Policy 5145.3)
- Federal Law (Executive Order, Jan. 20, 2025): Requires parental transparency in sex-based policies
- Conflict: California's policy violates federal parental rights protections

Request for Federal Support

To protect women's sports, maintain federal compliance, and ensure parental rights, we request:

1. Assurance of Federal Funding: Confirmation that our adherence to Title IX and Executive Orders will not result in loss of Title I, IDEA, or other critical federal funds.

2. Clarification of Federal Preemption: Guidance confirming that federal law preempts California's unlawful policies on Title IX and gender ideology in schools.
3. Investigation into Civil Rights and Parental Rights Violations: Federal review of California's mandates as violations of Title IX and parents' fundamental rights.

Conclusion

The Chino Valley Unified School District is committed to protecting girls' sports, ensuring parental rights, and following federal law. However, California's radical policies place us in direct conflict with Title IX and federal mandates, threatening our ability to serve our students.

We urge immediate federal intervention to prevent further harm to female athletes, restore parental rights, and ensure compliance with federal law, not California's unlawful agenda.

We appreciate your leadership and look forward to your guidance.

Sonja Shaw, President
Board of Education

Jonathan Monroe, Vice President
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FROM: Sonja Shaw, President, Board of Education

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 2024/2025-63, SUPPORTING TITLE IX AND FAIRNESS IN GIRLS' INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

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BACKGROUND

Title IX passed as a landmark federal law intended to eliminate discriminatory practices based on sex in educational institutions that receive federal funding in such areas as admissions, academics, athletics, and facilities. In sports, Title IX was particularly significant because it addressed the disparities in athletic opportunities between men and women. The intent was to ensure that women had the same opportunities as men to participate, compete, and succeed in educational and athletic programs. Title IX acknowledged that while there were inherent biological differences, those differences should not translate into unequal treatment or lack of access. The goal was to dismantle barriers that kept women from reaching their full potential in sports and other educational pursuits and to ensure that both male and female athletic programs have equitable access to opportunities, funding, facilities, and resources.

The original purpose of Title IX was never about ensuring that men could compete against women, but to ensure that women had equal opportunities in sports, and it remains a significant core value in advocating for women's rights in education and athletics, and as such should be carried out in its original intent.

President Shaw submitted this agenda item in accordance with Board Bylaw 9322—Agenda/Meeting Materials.

RECOMMENDATION

Board President Sonja Shaw recommends the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2024/2025-63, Supporting Title IX, and Fairness in Girls' Interscholastic Sports.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SS:pk

**RESOLUTION 2024/2025-63, SUPPORTING TITLE IX
AND FAIRNESS IN GIRLS' INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

WHEREAS, the Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) is committed to upholding fairness, safety, and equal opportunities for all student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972 was enacted to prohibit sex-based discrimination in any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, ensuring that female athletes have equal opportunities to compete and excel in sports; and

WHEREAS, Title IX has played a critical role in expanding opportunities for female athletes, promoting fair competition, and increasing access to scholarships and other athletic advancements; and

WHEREAS, biological differences between male and female athletes can create inherent advantages in competitive sports, particularly in categories designated specifically for girls; and

WHEREAS, the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) is responsible for governing interscholastic athletics and must ensure that policies align with the principles of fairness, safety, and equal opportunity outlined in Title IX; and

WHEREAS, protecting the integrity of girls' sports is essential to maintaining an even playing field for female athletes and preserving the intent of Title IX;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chino Valley Unified School District affirms its unwavering support for Title IX and calls on athletic governing bodies to uphold its protections by ensuring fairness in girls' sports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of California, the California State Legislature, the California Department of Education, and the California Interscholastic Federation to demonstrate CVUSD's commitment to protecting female student-athletes.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April 2025 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

Cervantez	_____
Cruz	_____
Monroe	_____
Na	_____
Shaw	_____

Sonja Shaw, President

Andrew Cruz, Clerk

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DATE: April 17, 2025

TO: Members, Board of Education

FROM: Sonja Shaw, President, Board of Education
John Cervantes, Member, Board of Education

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 2024/2025-64, SUPPORTING SB 19, SAFE SCHOOLS AND PLACES OF WORSHIP ACT

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BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 19, authored by Senator Susan Rubio, addresses the increasing threats of violence toward schools and places of worship by strengthening penalties for individuals who make willful and credible threats. In recent years, Chino Valley Unified School District and other districts across the state have experienced threats—many made anonymously online—that cause fear, disrupt learning, and strain law enforcement resources.

SB 19 seeks to improve safety and accountability by addressing these threats through legal consequences. The District also recommends the inclusion of language in the bill to better support law enforcement in obtaining identifying information from social media platforms when threats are made.

This resolution, proposed by Board President Sonja Shaw and Board Member John Cervantes, affirms the District’s support for SB 19 and urges the Legislature to pass it with the recommended amendment.

President Shaw and Member Cervantes submitted this agenda item in accordance with Board Bylaw 9322—Agenda/Meeting Materials.

RECOMMENDATION

Board President Sonja Shaw and Member John Cervantes recommend the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2024/2025-64, Supporting SB 19, Safe Schools and Places of Worship Act.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

**RESOLUTION 2024/2025-64, SUPPORTING SB 19,
SAFE SCHOOLS AND PLACES OF WORSHIP ACT**

WHEREAS, the safety and security of students, staff, and the community are a top priority for the Chino Valley Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, schools and places of worship across California have increasingly been targeted by violent threats that disrupt learning environments, instill fear, and place undue stress on law enforcement and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 19, authored by Senator Susan Rubio, seeks to enhance existing laws by ensuring that individuals who willfully make credible threats of violence toward schools and places of worship are held accountable under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Chino Valley Unified School District recognizes the devastating impact that such threats—especially those made anonymously online—can have on students, families, staff, and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies across the state face challenges in investigating and identifying suspects who make threats on social media platforms due to limitations in current legal frameworks and delays in cooperation from tech platforms; and

WHEREAS, the Chino Valley Unified School District supports the intent of SB 19 and respectfully recommends that the bill be amended to include language that assists law enforcement in obtaining the identifying information necessary to investigate threats posted on platforms such as Instagram and others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Chino Valley Unified School District hereby declares its support for Senate Bill 19, the Safe Schools and Places of Worship Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges the Legislature to pass SB 19 with the inclusion of language that empowers law enforcement to respond swiftly and effectively to online threats made against schools and places of worship; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Susan Rubio, Governor Gavin Newsom, and appropriate legislative representatives.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April 2025 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

Cervantez _____
Cruz _____
Monroe _____
Na _____
Shaw _____

Sonja Shaw, President

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April 18, 2025

The Honorable Senator Susan Rubio
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 8710
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for SB 19 – Safe Schools and Places of Worship Act

Dear Senator Rubio,

The Chino Valley Unified School District is writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 19, the Safe Schools and Places of Worship Act. This important legislation addresses the increasing threats made against schools and places of worship and works to ensure that these acts are taken seriously, with appropriate consequences for those who seek to disrupt the safety and peace of our communities.

We have experienced firsthand the fear and chaos that these threats can cause within school settings—disrupting learning, increasing anxiety, and diverting valuable resources. SB 19 strengthens the ability to respond to such threats, and we applaud your leadership in bringing forward this solution.

In addition to our support, we respectfully request that language be added to the bill to assist law enforcement in identifying suspects who issue threats online—particularly on platforms such as Instagram. Our officers have repeatedly encountered barriers when attempting to gather the necessary information to obtain warrants and pursue investigations. The current processes are often slow and insufficient to meet the urgency of credible threats to student and staff safety.

By incorporating language that allows more efficient access to identifying information—when there is a direct and credible threat to a school or place of worship—we believe SB 19 will be even more effective in protecting the public and giving law enforcement the tools they need to act quickly.

Supporting SB 19

April 18, 2025

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We thank you for championing this legislation and urge the Legislature to support SB 19 with this recommended amendment.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan Monroe, Vice President
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