



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

March 31, 2026

By email only to [REDACTED]

Sarah Parshall Perry
Defending Education
4532 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 119
Arlington, VA 22207

Re: Case Number 01-25-1556
Contoocook Valley School District

Dear Ms. Perry:

On August 8, 2025, the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) received the complaint you filed against Contoocook Valley School District (the District). The complaint alleged that the District discriminates on the basis of sex because its policies allow biological male students to use restrooms and locker rooms designated for female students.

OCR enforces Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. As a recipient of federal financial assistance from the Department of Education, the District must comply with this law.

OCR evaluated this complaint in accordance with OCR's [Case Processing Manual \(CPM\) \(February 19, 2025\)](#) and has decided to open the complaint for investigation to examine whether the District discriminates on the basis of sex by having a policy or practice of allowing male students to use intimate facilities designated for use by female students in violation of Title IX and its implementing regulation.

Please note that opening an investigation does not mean that OCR has made a final determination with regard to the merits. During the investigation, OCR is neutral; OCR will collect and analyze the evidence it needs in order to make a decision about the complaint. OCR will ensure that its investigation is legally sufficient in accordance with OCR's CPM. Additional information is available at [Complaint Processing Procedures](#). Please note that you may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

If OCR determines during the course of the investigation that a complaint could be appropriate for mediation, OCR will contact the parties and offer this resolution option.

Please be advised that the District must not harass, coerce, intimidate, discriminate, or otherwise retaliate against an individual because that individual asserts a right or privilege under a law

enforced by OCR or files a complaint, testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding under a law enforced by OCR. If this happens, the individual may file a retaliation complaint with OCR.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. If OCR receives such a request, it will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information that, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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