

## Oppose DeVos' attack on Title IX

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' Title IX changes threaten gender equity and student safety. Students should be able to go to school without experiencing sexual harassment or violence. That's the promise made by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination in any educational institution that receives federal funding. But DeVos has proposed regulations that would fundamentally weaken Title IX.

Under the guise of "fairness," DeVos is seeking to undermine the progress we've made toward preventing and ending discrimination. By changing the definition of sexual harassment to exclude many students' experiences, limiting what behavior counts and putting in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward, these proposed changes will make schools fundamentally less safe. If schools are failing to adequately protect students, it is not reason to weaken Title IX protections — it's evidence that we need to better enforce those protections.

The Department of Education is accepting public comments on the proposed changes through Jan. 28. We must all stand up for equality in education by voicing our opposition to this attack on Title IX.

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