

Unit 7 Schools Title IX Policy (Temporary Resolution)

WHEREAS, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* authorizes and directs school districts receiving federal financial assistance to effectuate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended;

WHEREAS the Board has previously adopted Policy 7:180 – Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited, which protects against and authorizes investigation of discrimination on the basis of sex in the District's programs or activities;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, published the final rule amending Title IX regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 106;

WHEREAS, the amended Title IX regulations are effective on August 14, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Tolono Community Unit School District 7 hereby implements the provisions of the amended Title IX regulations. The Board implements all aspects of the regulations, including, but not limited to, updated definitions of sexual harassment, equal treatment in responding to complaints of sexual harassment, an objective grievance process, and appropriate notice throughout;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the preponderance of evidence standard of evidence will be applied in determining responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes Janah Sudduth-Mottola and James Carver as a Title IX Coordinators to coordinate compliance with the amended regulations. The Coordinator may be contacted at 217-552-4067;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will draft and approve a permanent policy and procedure implementing the amended regulations.