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TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Theodore S. Sergi
          Commissioner of Education

DATE: June 8, 2001

SUBJECT: Title IX (Sexual Harassment and Gender Equity)

Title IX is the Federal Law that was passed in 1972 to insure that male and female students and employees in educational settings were treated equally and fairly. It protects against discrimination based on gender. The preamble to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 states that:

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 requires that each school district have at least one person designated as the Title IX Coordinator. In order to assist you, the Connecticut State Department of Education, in conjunction with the Equity Assistance Center at Brown University and the Connecticut Education Association (CEA), will sponsor four, two-day workshops for Title IX Coordinators this fall. The dates and locations are:

October 10-11, 2001, at LEARN in Old Lyme
October 15-16, 2001, at ACES in Hamden
November 14-15, 2001, at ACES in Hamden
November 19-20, 2001, at CREC in Hartford

Title IX Coordinators should plan to attend one of the two-day sessions. These workshops are designed for all Title IX Coordinators. Information will be provided on the implications of several recent court cases. Once you have completed and returned the attached form identifying your Title IX Coordinator, he/she will be mailed an application to attend.

If you have any questions, you may direct them to Dr. Bill Howe, Title IX Education Consultant, at 860-713-6737 or E-mail at: william.howe@po.state.ct.us.

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Attachment
Connecticut State Department of Education

TITLE IX COORDINATOR SURVEY

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Job Title: _____________________________________________________

School/Institution: _____________________________________________________

District: _________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________

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