

Natchitoches Parish School Board
April 30, 2024
Resolution

BE IT FOREVER KNOWN, that by official action taken at its meeting of April 30, 2024, the Natchitoches Parish School Board (sometimes referred to as the “Board”) adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education has issued a final rule, titled “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance” (“Final Rule”),¹ which it will publish in the federal register;

WHEREAS, the Final Rule dramatically changes Title IX regulations and acknowledges it will increase complaint investigations;

WHEREAS, the Final Rule will disadvantage the Board by increasing its obligations, compliance costs, and liability risks;

WHEREAS, the Board believes the Final Rule is contrary to federal law and will be detrimental to students, parents, and employees;

WHEREAS, the Board believes the Final Rule, is directly contrary to existing state law, as well as laws currently being considered by the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and school districts within the State intend to challenge the legality of the Final Rule and the Board’s participation in such lawsuit will result in no direct legal fees or costs to the Board, as the Attorney General is already representing the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the vote reflected hereinbelow, the Natchitoches Parish School Board does hereby elect to join the State of Louisiana in litigation against the United States Department of Education and other federal defendants to challenge the Final Rule.

ON THE MOTION OF _____ and seconded by _____, the following votes were cast:

YEAS: _____

NEAS: _____

¹ <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/t9-unofficial-final-rule-2024.pdf>