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To the East Allegheny Community:

I take the task of being appointed as East Allegheny School District's Title VI and Title IX Coordinator very seriously. The guarantees of justice and equity to our students and community must go beyond maintaining minimum requirements and establish a truly just and welcoming atmosphere where all are legitimate members in full standing of equal human dignity here at East Allegheny.

Title VI, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., was enacted as part of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. As President John F. Kennedy said in 1963:

**Simple justice requires that public funds, to which all taxpayers of all races [colors, and national origins] contribute, not be spent in any fashion which encourages, entrenches, subsidizes or results in racial [color or national origin] discrimination.**

Title IX is a federal civil rights law passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. This law protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX 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.**

Protecting the civil rights of all is a district wide responsibility. If you are interested in working with me to lend advice and discuss issues related to Title VI, Title IX or both please feel free to contact me at any time. I would be very open to coordinating an ongoing advisory group or one to address a particular issue. District employees, families and students are welcome to play a role to protect the rights and provide equity of our community.

Sincerely,

Mark Draskovich  
Director, Pupil Services  
and Junior High Principal