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Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Avenue
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Dear Texas Education Agency Representatives,

I am writing to formally raise serious concerns regarding the lack of equitable athletic opportunities for female students under the leadership of Principal Troy Tyson at David W. Carter High School within Dallas ISD.

Over the course of this academic year—and in previous years—it has become evident that female student-athletes have been consistently denied access to the same opportunities, resources, and institutional support provided to their male counterparts. Specifically:

- Athletics for female students were not made available or supported, despite repeated interest and participation among students.
- These actions suggest systemic negligence and disregard for the requirements of Title IX, which mandates gender equity in educational programs and activities, including athletics.

Furthermore, when these inequities were brought to the attention of campus and district leadership through multiple student and parent inquiries, they were repeatedly ignored or dismissed. Only after these issues became public and could no longer be overlooked did the school issue a letter to Carter families—dated August 31, 2023—announcing the appointment of a coach to “oversee our female athletic program.”

It is deeply concerning that this announcement appears to have been made only after exposure and pressure, rather than as a genuine effort to address the long-standing inequities. The timing, tone, and lack of transparency suggest a reactive attempt to cover up the absence of equitable athletic programming rather than to meaningfully resolve it.

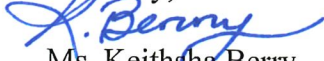
Student communications, such as the attached correspondence from a Carter student-athlete to school leadership, demonstrate that the community had been raising these concerns long before the administration’s acknowledgment. These students and their families have shown courage in advocating for fairness, only to be met with delayed and performative responses rather than real solutions.

This pattern of behavior is not only unlawful under Title IX but also profoundly damaging to the young women of David W. Carter High School. It deprives them of vital opportunities for personal growth, scholarship potential, and the life lessons learned through athletic participation, while perpetuating a culture of gender-based inequity and favoritism.

I respectfully request that the Texas Education Agency conduct a formal investigation into these practices and require Dallas ISD to take corrective action ensuring full compliance with state and federal equity standards. The female athletes at Carter High School deserve the same respect, investment, and opportunities afforded to their male peers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I am available to provide additional documentation, communication records, or student testimonies as needed.

Sincerely,



Ms. Keithsha Berry

Parent / Concerned Community Member