



# Clearinghouse on Women's Issues

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## Title IX Enforcement Challenges for High School Athletics: Remedies to Advance Change

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at Noon**

**Mayor's Press Room, Wilson Building, Room G-9**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

(Metro Center or Federal Triangle Stations)

**High schools across the country often fail to provide a fair opportunity for girls to play sports.** This noon dialogue will explore avenues to find remedies to address this pressing equity issue -- particularly in urban districts like the District of Columbia. This September 24th noon event, co-sponsored by the [Clearinghouse on Women's Issues \(CWI\)](#) and the [Mayor's Office on Women's Policy](#), will be held at the Mayor's Press Room G-9 at the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Featured speakers are experts on Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs.

- **Janice Dove Johnson**, a parent advocate and the mother of three daughters who were scholar athletes in the DC Public School System, is executive director of the Sankofa Project which aims to increase gender equality and parity in athletics by increasing awareness of the physical, psychological and educational benefits of participating in school based team sports.
- **Neena Chaudhry**, Director of Equal Opportunities in Athletics at the National Women's Law Center (NWLC), will highlight inequities that girls face in athletics across the country. NWLC's recently filed an administrative complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights against the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) for its failure to give high school girls equal athletic opportunities under Title IX,
- **Seth Galanter**, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, will discuss the federal government's role in addressing sex discrimination in federally funded education programs, including opportunities to participate in athletics at the high school level. The office recently issued guidance cautioning against retaliation.

The [Clearinghouse on Women's Issues](#) sponsors monthly public forums to address social and political issues of diverse groups of women in today's society -- locally, nationally and internationally. These Washington, DC, brown bag lunches provide information to raise awareness for individuals and organizations to act as a catalyst for networking and advocacy. The co-presidents are Sue Klein and Harriet Stonehill.

[www.womensclearinghouse.org](http://www.womensclearinghouse.org) CWI will honor Dr. Bernice Sandler, the "godmother" of Title IX who will be inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame on October 12th in Seneca Falls NY. <http://www.greatwomen.org/>

The **DC Office on Women's Policy**, headed by Terese Lowery, works to facilitate an ongoing dialogue that leads to social and political reforms and empowers women and girls throughout the District of Columbia. [www.women.dc.gov](http://www.women.dc.gov).

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