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Mac to resolve Title IX complaint

The McMinnville School District has approved a voluntary resolution agreement related to a February 26 Title IX complaint. The original accusation filed against the district raised issues with discrepancies in the opportunities given to McMinnville High School's baseball and softball players.

Following an investigation by the U.S. Department of Education and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), the district has agreed to review its baseball and softball facilities, along with locker rooms, practice and playing fields.

The complaint alleged the boys' baseball team has superior locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities compared to the girls' softball team.

The boys' baseball facility, built through a volunteer effort, is an enclosed building with a changing room in addition to pitching and hitting practice areas. The girls' softball facility, constructed by the district, includes a small entrance and changing room attached by a

breezeway to the practice area, which is partly open to the weather.

Prior to completion of OCR's investigation, the district expressed an interest in voluntarily resolving the complaint and signed a Voluntary Resolution Agreement.

During the course of the investigation, OCR identified a concern that the girls' softball facilities may be inferior to the boys' baseball counterparts at the school and that additions, improvements and repairs may be required to ensure the facilities are comparable.

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The district must submit an assessment of the facilities by October 30 2020. Within 90 days of the submitted report, a Corrective Action Plan must be completed to address inequities.

OCR will monitor the district's progress until the Corrective Action Plan is completely implemented.