

Advocacy Update
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Legal group hits 12 school districts with Title IX complaints (November 10) - The National Women's Law Center (NWLC) filed administrative complaints with the Department of Education Wednesday alleging that high schools in a dozen selected school districts across the country do not offer equal opportunity to female athletes.

The school districts are Chicago; Clark County, Nev.; Columbus, Ohio; Deer Valley (Ariz.); Henry County, Ga.; Houston; Irvine, Calif.; New York City; Oldham County, Ky.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Wake County, N.C.; and Worcester, Mass.

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This action is part of the *Rally for Girls' Sports: She'll Win More Than a Game* campaign that was recently launched by the NWLC. It focuses on advocacy and education to parents and focuses on high school level athletics. [CLICK HERE](#) to see a brief description of the campaign and the administrative complaints that were filed in the 12 districts.

Uneven Gains for Diversity (November 11) - Last month's game between Virginia and Eastern Michigan marked a milestone for diversity at college football's highest level. It is believed to have been the first such matchup in which both coaches and athletic directors were African-Americans. A study released Thursday found uneven progress toward more moments like it in the future.

The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida reported large gains in the number of minority head coaches at college football's highest level, but less movement in other leadership positions.

The research examined data from the 120 colleges in the Football Bowl Subdivision. A record 15 minority coaches led F.B.S. teams at the start of the 2010 season. But the study found that all conference commissioners, 93 percent of school presidents and 88 percent of athletic directors at those colleges were white.