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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

At the President's direction this morning, the Secretary of HEW has suspended, pending review by HEW's General Counsel, the ruling of HEW's Office for Civil Rights that father-son breakfasts held in a public school receiving Federal financial assistance would violate Title IX of the 1972 amendments of the education laws.

The President advised the Secretary that he cannot believe that it was the intent of Congress to prohibit mother-daughter, or father-son events at schools. If, upon the legal review, it appeared that the wording of Title IX mandated such an interpretation, the President said he would immediately seek an amendment of the law.

Secretary Mathews is announcing today that HEW plans no enforcement action as to these kinds of events occurring during the review period and will advise any school wishing to have such events to proceed.

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