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To the MIT Community:

On Friday, September 22, the Department of Education (DOE) announced it has [withdrawn](#) the April 2011 Title IX Dear Colleague Letter and the April 2014 Questions and Answers guidance document concerning student sexual misconduct. DOE also announced that it intends to implement new Title IX guidance on student sexual misconduct through a formal rulemaking process that will allow an opportunity for public comment. With this announcement, DOE issued [interim guidance](#) while the new guidance is finalized.

MIT is currently reviewing the new information DOE provided and consulting with campus stakeholders so that we can provide comments to DOE as part of its rulemaking process, and so that we can ensure that we continue to address acts of sexual violence in accordance with Title IX and MIT's core values.

We want to make clear to our community that MIT remains committed to preventing sexual harassment and assault through education and by responding appropriately to misconduct when it occurs. We know that increased awareness is a powerful prevention tool and that, over time, with more education and training, we will continue to see important changes in attitudes, behaviors, and culture on our campus.

For anyone in need of immediate assistance, please contact VPR's 24-hour confidential hotline, 617-253-2300.

Thank you,
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