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Dear ETSU Student,

ETSU is committed to ensuring equality in education and eliminating the campus of any and all acts of sex discrimination, which includes sexual misconduct as prohibited by Title IX. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination against students and employees of educational institutions. Conduct that constitutes sexual assault or harassment includes dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

The Tennessee Board of Regents and ETSU’s policy on sexual assault and harassment defines dating violence as any act against a person when the involved individuals are dating, have dated, or have or had a sexual relationship. Domestic violence is defined as violence against a person involving parties who are current or former spouses, live together or have lived together, are related by blood or adoption, are related or were formally related by marriage, or are adult or minor children of a person in a relationship described above. Sexual assault is sexual contact between two parties when force or coercion is used to accomplish the act, or when there is a lack of consent. Disciplinary procedures and potential consequences for violating the institution’s policies on sexual assault and misconduct include possible suspension or expulsion of students found in violation. A complete list of definitions and resources can be found at www.etsu.edu/violencefree/ and the full policy and ETSU’s disciplinary procedures and policies can be found online as part of University catalogs at http://catalog.etsu.edu/content.php?catoid=11&navoid=522#Student_Sexual_Misconduct_Policy

Students are encouraged to report incidents of sexual misconduct, assault, or harassment to the appropriate campus official or law enforcement officer. On the ETSU campus, the Title IX Coordinator is Mary Jordan, Senior Special Assistant to the President for Equity and Diversity. The Title IX Coordinator is a point of contact and referral for members of the campus community who wish to discuss a concern, including confidential reporting. The Title IX coordinator can be found in 206 Burgin E. Dossett Hall, by phone 423-439-4211 or email jordanm@etsu.edu. Student complaints against other students are handled through the Dean of Students Office, Division of Student Affairs at 423-439-4210.

Students who desire medical assistance, including treatment for injuries, preventative treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, a rape kit, a sexual assault nurse examiner, or victim’s advocate have a full listing of campus and local resources available to them at: http://www.etsu.edu/violencefree/policy.aspx