

Thank you to everyone who is here to protect children all across the State of MN!

I am a mother to three children who, until last month, were attending a public charter school in St. Paul. This charter school has been home to students of many ethnic, political and religious backgrounds. This usually harmonious community was torn apart when Gender activists showed up demanding that every child be given instruction on "Gender Inclusivity".

The initial demand was that every student read a book about a boy who wears a dress. Families who objected were told that the goal was to foster sensitivity and inclusiveness and nothing else. But we soon learned that the outcome - and indeed the goal - of these efforts was to mix the sexes in the bathrooms.

The school's administration repeatedly denied that the bathrooms would be mixed and stated that they would maintain the privacy of all students. But after months of pressure from outside activist groups, the school has proposed a policy that puts boys in the girl's bathrooms, locker rooms and changing areas.

Parents deserve to know that their children are safe at school and that policies that put boys in girl's bathrooms are dangerous!

Our former school has lost a number of families over this issue - including my own. Applications are down for the first time in thirteen years.

Schools all across the State need commonsense legislation to guide them in creating bathroom policies. Because parents like me need to trust that schools will safeguard their children's privacy.

The Student Physical Privacy Act will protect our State's youngest and most vulnerable citizens from becoming the latest victims of gender ideology. Please work to pass the Student Physical Privacy Act for all students.

Thank you.

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