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EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

ILLINOIS PARENT SUES SCHOOL OVER SECRET TRANSITION

A district is accused of socially transitioning a minor without telling her mother.



Source: *The LION* — May 26, 2026 · illustrative image, see note at end

St. Louis, Mo — An Illinois school district is facing a federal class-action lawsuit over claims it secretly transitioned a minor student's gender identity at school. The mother of a high school student enrolled in Community Unit School District 300 filed the suit in federal court against the district and the superintendent.

The mother says school employees began using an alternate name and pronouns for her child in 2022 without informing her. The suit alleges the child's mental health plummeted during this time, sending the student to the hospital after experiencing thoughts of suicide...

READ "MOM VS. SCHOOL" →

Let Us Pray...

- ...for this mother and her child, and other parents and children caught in this.
- ...for school administrators who feel it is their duty to usurp parental authority.
- ...for the Church to teach and preach on God's provision for parental authority.
- ...for attorney Ajay Gupta and others willing to defend parents and children.

WEST VIRGINIA TRANSGENDER ATHLETE WINS GIRLS' STATE TITLE

A sophomore takes the state shot put crown as the Supreme Court weighs the case.



Source: *The LION*, with reporting from the Associated Press · illustrative image, see note at end

A Bridgeport High School sophomore won the West Virginia Class AAA girls' shot put state championship this past weekend while awaiting a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in a case challenging the state's girls' sports law. The biological male won the event with a personal-best throw of 38 feet, 11.75 inches, and finished fourth in discus with a throw of 112 feet.

The athlete is the lead plaintiff in *West Virginia v. B.P.J.*, a Supreme Court case addressing whether states may bar males who identify as transgender from competing in girls' sports. West Virginia lawmakers passed the Save Women's Sports Act in 2021, requiring teams in middle school, high school and college to be...

Editor's note — A linked Associated Press story reports the student has publicly identified as a girl since age 8, and at home since age 3, beginning puberty blockers at the onset of puberty. One does not sense a militant agenda from the student or mother — which is what makes adjudicating such lawsuits so challenging.

READ "WEST VIRGINIA V. B.P.J." →

Let Us Pray...

- ...for all involved in this lawsuit — for the student, the mother, and the officials.
- ...for the effect the notoriety of this case will have on the local community.
- ...for the officials and parents in the area to work through this with grace and truth.
- ...for care and protection for the minor who is under intense scrutiny.
- ...for the health and well-being of the student through the trial.

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