

I am Sarah Koplen, a parent of Olentangy Local School District, and I'm reaching out to you with regards of how this environment in our schools are effecting my son in 7th grade and my daughter a sophomore in high school.

I asked how letting the boys use the girls' restrooms, locker rooms and play in girls' sports is harming girls or is abusive, you should know, parents across America are reporting tens of thousands of incidents where their girls are so traumatized that at the very least, they are avoiding the bathrooms, locker rooms and playing sports. Our female students who are exposed to these bizarre new institutional violations of common sense, federal student protections and are negligence, are suffering from sleeplessness, self-destructive actions, anxiety, anorexia, anti-social and reclusive behaviors. All of these indicate trauma. All of this is due decisions you all can make that send a message that young women's safety and emotions do not matter. Many decision makers use the false narrative that Title IX has been changed and girls are no longer protected. Title IX has not been changed and it exists as the law of the land.

Childhood trauma and teen suicides are on the rise. Recent national reports indicate, "Suicide rates increased 60% since 2011 among US youth and young adults." This coincides with the introduction of Social Emotional Learning in our schools shoved into our curriculum in leu of real academics in 2010. Frequently, we are now seeing more and more bizarre actions in our schools to further confuse, frustrate and traumatize our students. It is well known by the private sector that our schools have turned into centers that foster confusion, divisiveness, and mediocre academics. Since 2010 our education systems have clearly become battlegrounds for a political agenda. That agenda includes increasing sexualization including no rules about private spaces. This agenda has made common sense parents question what these education systems are doing and why they refuse to keep our girls safety in mind.

Parents have been reaching out to experts and legal firms only after speaking to their school boards and district admin about these many public education atrocities. Asking why our American education system has forgotten its place to academically educate and instead works overtime to traumatize and socially engineer our children.

Ohio Legislators, it is your job to protect the students entrusted to your district. It is your right to seek outside legal advisors, especially when yours is clearly one sided and fails to give you all sides of the discussion in the decision you are involved in.

Secondly, it's time for you to speak out for those you represent and make statements such as: "For the record, I will not be found complicit in violating a federal act, of child abuse and neglect or putting our students in harm's way. I reject the unwritten actions that allow opposite sex students into private spaces and sports of the opposite sex.

You have the right and responsibility to speak your opinion

Please do the right thing for our children and young adults and pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Sarah Koplen us