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PARENTS BRING LAWSUIT AGAINST MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Represented by Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, parents seek to protect their rights

MADISON, WI – Today a group of parents with children attending school in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) pushed back against the District’s unconstitutional overreach and usurpation of their rights as parents.

Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) is representing fourteen parents from eight families in a lawsuit filed in Dane County. The lawsuit challenges MMSD policies that allow children as young as kindergarten to change their gender identity while at school without any parental notification, let alone consent. Beyond that, the policies require MMSD employees to keep from parents, even to the point of deceiving them, anything about the gender identity their child has chosen to display at school. While this case is specific to MMSD, the decision will have statewide implications.

Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action, commented: “These policies are wrong. They don’t just violate the constitutional rights of parents, which is certainly bad enough, but they are harmful to children. No school should have any policy that keeps parents in the dark about anything that concerns their children.

“For several years our organization has been alerting parents across the state to the possibility of these types of policies being formed and implemented in school districts in their communities. While Madison’s policy has come to the public’s attention, we believe parents should be contacting their local school boards to find out what policies, whether explicit or implicit, are being followed in their schools on this important issue of gender identity and parent notification and consent.

“We are grateful to these Madison parents and to WILL for taking this much-needed action. Parents don’t jettison their rights when they send their children to a public school. Protecting those rights is essential to the health and well-being of the children.”

The complaint filed in Dane County Circuit Court is available [HERE](#).

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