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Homosexual activists putting students' health and rights at risk, group says

Schools could face lawsuits; free legal help offered to parents and students hurt by "gay agenda" in schools

CINCINNATI, Ohio – A statewide family values organization today announced an aggressive effort to warn Ohio public schools that they face legal liability for putting children's health at risk if school officials allow the promotion of homosexual behavior on campus.

Citizens for Community Values (CCV) is providing school officials with studies showing a dramatically higher incidence of life-threatening disease, mental illness, substance abuse, and premature death – all as a direct consequence of homosexual behavior. Copies of applicable Ohio state laws were also included in the report mailed to every school superintendent and school board president throughout the state this week. The complete report can be viewed at www.ccv.org.

CCV Vice President David Miller said recent studies documenting serious physical and mental health risks faced by individuals who engage in homosexual behavior point to potential lawsuits should students be encouraged at school-sanctioned clubs or events to engage in such high risk behavior. Miller expressed concern that the growing influence of pro-homosexual groups in schools is putting children's physical and mental health, even their constitutional rights, at risk, and school officials are often unaware of the risks associated with these groups' agenda.

"Homosexual activist organizations such as GLSEN (Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network) claim that their influence in public schools is necessary to insure the 'safety' of students who engage in homosexual behavior," Miller explained. "Medical studies indicate, however, that the greatest threat to such students comes from the health consequences of such high risk behavior."

"Further," Miller added, "the constitutional rights of other students are being restricted by so-called 'anti-harassment,' 'non-discrimination' and other policies forced upon schools by the scare tactics of GLSEN and similar groups."

"We believe that schools are legally obligated to insure that children are protected from outside influences that could lead to such endangerment," Miller contends. "When schools serve in loco parentis of a child, and then fail to observe the duty to protect that child, they will face the threat of lawsuits that taxpayers will be forced to pay to defend against."

In a related action, CCV has hired an attorney to examine school policies in districts across the state. Explained Miller, "We do not want to wait until students suffer. Out of sincere compassion for these students, we are compelled to find and approach those schools whose policies are endangering the health or restricting the constitutional rights of young people."

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