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To: Board of Education Members in St. Charles County:

Over the last several years, parents in St. Charles County have expressed very valid concerns on a number of issues occurring in school districts encompassed within our county. Here, over the past few weeks, I have spoken directly to many parents regarding the possible use of coed bathrooms and locker rooms within their school district. Knowing how vocal our constituents have been about this topic, coupled with our community not feeling as though their questions are being answered or issues being addressed, it is imperative that we make our position known.

The vast majority of parents and families in our districts are deeply concerned about the potential of group use, coed facilities for minors. These concerns are rooted in genuine worries about their children's safety, privacy, physical and emotional well-being. It is your duty as stewards of education not just to acknowledge these concerns but to take meaningful and concrete steps to address them.

Schools throughout St. Charles County must demonstrate our commitment to addressing these very valid concerns. Throughout our nation, both public schools and other institutions (i.e., YMCA) have crumbled under pressure from fringe groups in the minority and have instituted co-ed bathrooms and locker rooms. Therefore, before it becomes an unnecessary issue for our parents, students, and families within the county to deal with, the undersigned respectfully urge the school districts in our county to initiate immediate action to assure families that these types of facilities will not be forced on students in St. Charles County. We must remain steadfast and unambiguous in our commitment to resolving this issue and providing clarity to our constituents about the steps we intend to take. Locker rooms, bathrooms, and areas where students are exposed in a vulnerable state have an expectation of privacy that absolutely must be protected.

While fringe groups may urge you to allow students to use facilities that align with their "gender identity" (rather than those which align with their biological sex) to promote inclusivity and prevent discrimination against transgender individuals, this flawed thinking violates the rights of the vast majority of other students. That, in and of itself, goes against the spirit of "democracy" that those same fringe groups claim to support. Rather, educational institutions must offer safe alternatives for all students by providing options to students who may feel uncomfortable in facilities that align with their biological sex, such as single-stall, private spaces. This way, individuals suffering from "gender dysphoria disorder," as well as the vast majority of students, can have their rights to privacy maintained.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, hereby urge the school districts in the county of St. Charles to immediately begin navigating these complex issues and developing policies that balance the rights and needs of the overwhelming majority of students. Moreover, we respectfully request that this necessary work be done in the public eye so that constituents on either side of this issue ensure their voices, ideas, or concerns are not being silenced in private, behind-closed-door sessions that may be closed to the public.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Schroer".

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