



VIA U.S. MAIL

July 14, 2022

Dr. Michelle C. Reid
Superintendent
Fairfax County Public Schools
Gatehouse Administration Center
8115 Gatehouse Road
Falls Church, VA 22042

RE: Fairfax County Public Schools' Compliance with Virginia Law

Dear Superintendent Reid:

Recent news reports have raised questions about whether Fairfax County Public Schools is following Virginia law. Specifically, Va. Code Ann. § 1-240.1. Rights of parents, states "A parent has a fundamental right to make decisions concerning the upbringing, education, and care of the parent's child."

As reported by the *Washington Free Beacon* on July 5, 2022, "Fairfax County Public Schools is instructing teachers and administrators to forgo parents' permission when a student requests to use a bathroom or locker room associated with his or her so-called gender identity, according to screenshots of a mandatory faculty training module obtained by the *Washington Free Beacon*."¹

Additionally, recently enacted Fairfax County Public Schools Regulation 2603.2, which became effective on April 21, 2022, does not appear to reflect Virginia's codification of parental rights in Va. Code Ann. § 1-240.1. Specifically, Paragraph IV.A. of Regulation 2603.2 states "[t]he support team shall be a multidisciplinary team that may consist of the student, parents ***if the student is willing***, ..." (*emphasis added*).² Furthermore, while Regulation 2603.2 cites several pertinent federal laws and Virginia statutes and regulations under "Legal References," it neglects

¹ Josh Christensen, *Virginia School District Prohibits Teachers From Contacting Parents When Students Change Gender*, *Washington Free Beacon* (July 5, 2022, 4:25 PM), <https://freebeacon.com/campus/virginia-school-district-prohibits-teachers-from-contacting-parents-when-students-change-gender/>.

² Fairfax County Public Schools, Regulation 2603.2, [https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CDPTV8792B2E/\\$file/R2603.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CDPTV8792B2E/$file/R2603.pdf).

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to cite Va. Code Ann. § 1-240.1, raising questions about whether Regulation 2603.2 is in full compliance with Virginia law.

Our parent organization, ParentalRights.org, was instrumental in the drafting, introduction, and passage into law of Va. Code Ann. § 1-240.1. As a national organization based in Virginia that works to ensure that parental rights are respected, I ask that you look into the two matters raised in this letter to ensure that Fairfax County Public Schools is in compliance with Va. Code Ann. § 1-240.1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Estrada', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Will Estrada
President
Parental Rights Foundation

Cc: The Honorable Glenn Youngkin, Governor
The Honorable Winsome Sears, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Jason Miyares, Attorney General
The Honorable Aimee Rogstad Guidera, Secretary of Education
The Honorable Stella Pekarsky, Chair, Fairfax County School Board