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“GENDER FLUIDITY” AMONG THE PROPOSED CURRICULUM CHANGES TO FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS’ FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Last month, the Fairfax County School Board voted 10-1 to become the only school system in Virginia to add “gender identity” to its anti-discrimination policy despite an overwhelming majority of citizens in attendance expressing opposition.

The School Board is now preparing to vote on June 25 on broad changes to its Sex-Ed or “Family Life Education” Program, including lessons related to gender identity beginning in 7th grade, including:

- Grade 7: “Students will be provided definitions for sexual orientation terms heterosexuality, homosexuality, and bisexuality; and the gender identity term transgender.”
- Grade 8: “Individual identity will . . . be described as having four parts - biological gender, gender identity (includes transgender), gender role, and sexual orientation (includes heterosexual, bisexual, and homosexual). The concept that sexuality is a broader spectrum will be introduced.
- Grade 9: “Students will recognize development of sexuality as a lifelong aspect of personality. Instruction will include that individuals are sexual beings from birth to death and that sexuality evolves from infancy to old age. Sexual orientation terms heterosexual, homosexual and bisexual; and the gender identity terms transgender will be defined”.
- Grade 10: **“Emphasis will be placed on an understanding that there is a broader, boundless, and fluid spectrum of sexuality that is developed throughout a lifetime.** Sexual orientation and gender identity terms will be discussed with focus on appreciation for individual differences.”

All of this is in addition to the explicit material that is already being taught to children as young as 4th grade. There is a recommendation that FLE lessons introduce contraception in 9th grade instead of 10th grade.

In addition to gender identity items, other **proposed changes to the Family Life Education (FLE) curriculum include moving many lessons from the FLE curriculum to “Emotional and Social Health,” making those lessons mandatory with no opt-out.** Out of one hundred six (106) lessons in the Kindergarten through 12th Grade curricula, a total of fifty (50) are recommended to be moved from “Family Life Education” to the “Emotional and Social Health Unit”, making those lessons mandatory for all students regardless of parents’ wishes. Parents are allowed to opt out their children from “Family Life Education” but not from “Emotional and Social Health” instruction. Most of the lesson reassignment recommendations seem innocuous, until you consider, for instance, how the family structure will be taught to kindergarteners in light of the School Board’s vote last month to include gender identity in its anti-discrimination policy:

- Kindergarten “Students will recognize that everyone is a member of a family and identify members of their individual families”
- Grade 1 “Students will describe a community as people living and working together and will understand that family members make up a community”.
- Grade 2 “Students will identify adults other than parent or guardian who provide care and support for children”.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1) Watch CBN’s video report on the recommendations to the School Board by the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee (FLECAC). Click on bit.ly/CBNvideoFLECAC to watch.
- 2) **Read it for yourself.** Click on bit.ly/FLECAC to read the 32-pages of recommendations.
- 3) **Email the School Board now!** The comment period is open until June 19. Go to bit.ly/FLECAC-Email to complete an email expressing your concerns.
- 4) **Tell your friends** what is going on.
- 5) **Pray and fast.**
- 6) **Attend the Board’s vote** on the proposed FLE changes on June 25 at 7 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School.
- 7) **Get on email lists** of the pro-family organizations focused on Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia, whose listing here is for your gathering information and not necessarily an endorsement of all their positions.



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The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public policy agency representing Virginia’s Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.



<http://www.hslda.org/elert/>

Founded in 1983 in Purcellville, Virginia, the Home School Legal Defense Association tracks federal and state legislation affecting families.



<https://familyfoundation.org/>

Non-profit and non-partisan, the Family Foundation of Virginia is the Commonwealth’s oldest pro-family advocacy organization.

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