

September 3, 2025

James Stallings, Principal Princeton High School 100 Viking Way Cincinnati, OH 45246

Dear Mr. Stallings:

I write to offer a word of caution and guidance relative to Princeton City School District's compliance with recent legislation prohibiting transgender students from participating in female sports and entering women's bathrooms.

In a recent video circulated on social media, your Assistant Athletic Director was recorded providing guidance as to how a parent of a transgender student could circumvent Ohio law prohibiting men from competing in women's sports and changing/showering in the women's locker room. Specifically, Assistant Athletic Director Tamette Duckworth suggested that the transgender student not tell anyone of the previous gender and "discreetly" change in the women's locker room. These actions are expressly prohibited by R.C. §§ 3313.5320(B) and 3319.90 (B)(2).

The law states:

"No school, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic athletics shall knowingly permit individuals of the male sex to participate on athletic teams or in athletic competitions designated only for participants of the female sex.

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No school shall permit a member of the male biological sex to use a student restroom, locker room, changing room, or shower room that has been designated by the school for the exclusive use of the female biological sex" R.C. 3313.5320(B); 3319.90 (B)(2).

Circumventing this law not only leads to unfairness in competition, but could also subject the School District to civil liability from other schools and/or the parents of students forced to change in a locker room with a member of the opposite sex. No parent should have to wonder whether their daughter has to change and shower with men.

I suggest the Princeton City Schools Board of Education and Superintendent undertake an investigation into its practices to ensure compliance with Ohio law. Further, the School should immediately provide training to all teachers and staff relative to the law on transgender participation in sports and use of bathroom facilities.

Yours,

Dave Yost

Ohio Attorney General

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