

Wisconsin parents outraged after teacher gives transgender lesson to K-5th grade without permission

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Parents at a Frank Allis Elementary School in Madison, Wisc. expressed outrage after a science teacher showed a video on transgenderism to k-5th grade without parents' permission. (Google street view)

Parents at an elementary school in Madison, Wis. are upset officials allowed a science teacher to give a presentation on transgenderism without parents' permission.

A religious liberty group claims the teacher violated district policy and the constitutional prohibition against schools enforcing any kind of "orthodoxy."

Liberty Counsel, a religious liberty law firm, sent a records request to the school alleging a teacher, who goes by "Vica Steel," formerly Mark "Vince" Busenbark, showed a "transgender coming out" video to Frank Allis Elementary School students in K-5th grade on May 16.

Steel said the purpose of the video was "so [students] can know who I am and who I am becoming," and the people who disagree are motivated by "fear" and "hate." The teacher read a book to the children titled, "They Call Me Mix." The book includes the statements, "'BOY or GIRL?' Are you a boy or a girl? How can you be both? Some days I am both. Some days I am neither. Most days I am everything in between."

The book also states, "As a kid, I never felt like just a girl. I never felt right knowing everyone was deciding and agreeing that I was a girl."



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School administrators allowed a male science teacher in Wisconsin to show a personal "transgender coming out" video to every class of K-5th grade children at Allis Elementary School. The teacher also instructed all of the students to call him by a woman's name, an invented title of "Mix" instead of "Mr.," and to call him by false plural pronouns.

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Instead, of Mr. or Mrs., Steel asks students to use "Mx."

“And now, let me introduce myself, anew.... I am going to take my wife, Stella Steel’s last name, and I am going to use, not mister, not miss, but ‘mix.’ So you can call me, ‘Mix Steel.’.. And for my pronouns, you can call me ‘they,’ ‘them,’ and ‘their.’”

One parent of a first grader in Steel's class wrote online they were "pissed off" because there was "no warning, no heads up" given beforehand.

"I've had to sit down with my kids and explain that what they heard is flat-out wrong and incorrect," the parent wrote. "We will be kind to others, but we WILL NOT be involved in adult games of make-believe. Shame on those that support this!"

Another parent reportedly confronted the school about the issue but said school officials brushed it off.

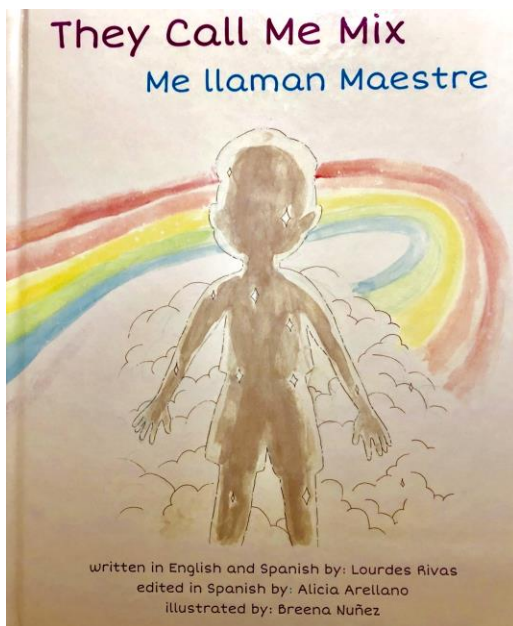
“It is outrageous that school administrators would allow a male science teacher to expose children to propaganda that promotes confusion about basic biology, and to instruct students to address him by a false name, title and pronouns,” Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, said in a [statement](#). “These impressionable students do not exist to validate Busenbark’s sexual identity. Parents send their children to school trusting that they will be taught academic curriculum, not become participants in a teacher’s play acting,” said Staver.

Liberty Counsel alleges the video could violate the district's policies on wellness, "all instruction should be 'age-appropriate, medically accurate, non-stigmatizing, and inclusive for all students,'" and controversial issues.

Neither the school or the teacher responded to requests by Fox News seeking comment.

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A Latinx Teacher Wrote a Bilingual Children’s Book About Gender Pronouns



For years, Lourdes Rivas’ elementary school students asked them why they went by the word “maestre.” Rivas – who uses they/them pronouns – would then explain what non-binary meant, but not in an in-depth manner. This inspired them to write *They Call Me Mix/Me Llanan Maestre*, a bilingual book based on Rivas’ life that teaches young children about gender pronouns and how the gender binary doesn’t encapsulate everyone.

While in English, Rivas can identify as they, in Spanish, it’s a whole different story. Spanish tends to lean masculine. For example, if there’s a group of 99 women of Latin American descent and one man of the same group joins them, they’ll collectively be called Latino. And then, there’s also people like Rivas, who do not identify as either she or he. For both these cases, people have adopted words like Latin@, Latinx, and Latine. Rivas uses terms that use the @, X, and E throughout their book to show the “variety of forms of dismantling the binary in Spanish.”

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