



Olympia WA School Officials: State Gender Identity provision overrides Title IX Equality for Girls Swim Teams

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Two Washington State high-school Girls Swim Teams were stripped of their Federal Title IX rights by Olympia Washington School officials after the teens and their parents refused to allow the girls to shower with a middle-aged retired military man calling himself Colleen. The man was discovered in the women's sauna by a high-school teen girls swim team. Parents refused to let their minor girls undress in front of him. As a result, local school officials have forced the girls into a small ancillary locker room space and given use of the women's locker room to the male.

From KIRO 7 Eyewitness News:

“OLYMPIA, Wash. — A transgender woman said she was discriminated against after using the women's locker room at Evergreen State College. Colleen Francis was using the sauna in a women's locker room inside the recreation center at the school late in September. The same facility is used by two high school girls swim teams from Olympia, who also practice in the pool. KIRO 7 Eyewitness News reporter Deborah Horne spoke with Francis about the incident in which a woman told her to leave.

“I looked at her and said, ‘Excuse me?’ And she said, ‘You have to leave, I’ll be right back,’” said Francis. “She wouldn’t identify herself. All she said was that there were a couple of girls that came upstairs to the pool, and said that there was a man in the sauna.” Francis, who acknowledges she was born a man, said she lived as a woman since 2009. Someone still called campus police, and local parents heard about the incident.

“They’re uncomfortable with him being in there, her, being in there and are shocked by it,” said parent Kristi Holterman. Holterman’s daughter was one of the swimmers and complained to Evergreen. See <https://gendertrender.wordpress.com/2012/10/07/olympia-wa-school-officials-state-gender-identity-provision-overrides-title-ix-equality-for-girls-swim-teams/>