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Statement on Recent Reporting

Repudiation of Continued Focus on Disruptive Reporting on Transgender Issues

LEESBURG, VA — On May 5, 2025, reporting by WJLA implied that during an alleged violation of a Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) policy prohibiting recording in locker rooms, a student's transgender status was the core issue. From the station's own reporting, the student's gender identity was not violating any rules or policies within LCPS by simply using the locker room. Further, the reporting then alleges that LCPS has opened a Title IX investigation based on students complaining about the incident, which was directly contradicted by a clarifying statement from LCPS officials.

The truth is that this incident is being misleadingly reported in the same manner as misleading reporting from the same station in 2021 to cast aspersions on Loudoun County. It is designed to be disruptive. In Loudoun County, our community resoundingly rejected those falsehoods and elected representatives to the Commonwealth and a School Board majority that have repeatedly defended transgender rights for students.

While the reporting alleges that the President of the United States may supercede states rights via executive orders or that the Governor of Virginia may overstep the balanced power of our state legislature, the reported statement from Attorney General Miyares makes clear that in Virginia the Virginia Human Rights Act passed by the Virginia General Assembly and signed into law in April 2020 is the law of the land. That law makes clear students may not be discriminated against for their gender identity, to include the right to use facilities aligned with their gender identity. Additionally, the *Grimm v. Gloucester County* ruling that was stayed by the United States Supreme Court left precedent in states like Virginia that upheld that right.

At its core, a fundamental truth has prevailed ever since these policies were repeatedly litigated by the media, courts, and legislatures over the last decade – a student's gender identity is not an issue and all students should be held accountable to the same standards and policies regardless of what facility they use.