

School District Investigated After Alleged Sexual Assault of 5-Year-Old Girl in Restroom by Transgender

The Department of Education's office for Civil Rights is investigating a Decatur, Georgia school district for how it handled allegations that a 5-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by a transgender student.

Pascha Thomas says her daughter was assaulted by a student who is a biological male, but identifies as female. He is allowed access to all female locker rooms, bathrooms and shower areas, thanks to the school district's transgender-friendly policy.

"When I dropped my child off at school, I never would think that she would be sexually assaulted in a bathroom by another little boy," Thomas said in an interview produced by Alliance Defending Freedom, the legal nonprofit representing her.

Thomas says her daughter got permission to leave class to go to the bathroom. It wasn't long before a male classmate allegedly walked in—and did the unthinkable.

The 5-year-old told her mom what happened. Thomas contacted the school's principal, who allegedly did nothing.

"I told the principal that I was demanding that the little boy be taken out the classroom. At that point, she refused and said she would not take him out the classroom," said Thomas.

The ADF says the district "retaliated against the student's parent for reporting the sexual harassment" by identifying the mother as the "responsible party" in their referral of the incident to the Georgia Division of Family and Children

Services. Thomas says the DFCS investigated her because of the district's report against her. {eo}

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