

Fired School Counselor Wins \$195K in Dispute Over District's Secret Gender Policy

The Indiana school district that fired a school counselor over its gender identity policy has reportedly agreed to pay her \$195,000 for damages, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys represented 37-year veteran educator Kathy McCord in the dispute with South Madison Community School Corporation.

ADF says that in August 2021, the school required employees to use names and pronouns for gender-confused students that do not correspond with their biological sex, without notifying parents or seeking parental consent. "In some cases, it even required employees to hide the new names and pronouns from parents," the non-profit legal group contends.'



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McCord objected to the policy but ADF reports she was told to comply or lose her job.

Then, a reporter learned about the school's directive and asked McCord if she could confirm the information. When she did, the reporter published his story and SMCSC fired McCord, accusing her of lying about revealing their policy to a journalist.

ADF reports the district has now settled the federal lawsuit relating to the incident.

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