

Supreme Court Set to Decide on Shocking Case: Are Schools Really Trying to 'Cut Parents Out' of LGBTQ Decisions?

A significant case involving parental rights and LGBTQ+ education is set to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court as early as this spring and could have wide-reaching implications for religious beliefs and public education across the country.

At the heart of the case is a group of parents in Montgomery County, Maryland, challenging the school district's decision to include LGBTQ-themed storybooks in preschool and elementary classrooms. The parents, representing various faiths including Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, argue the books conflict with their religious beliefs and are seeking to opt their children out of these lessons.

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The books approved by the Montgomery County Board of Education in 2022 include titles such as "My Rainbow," a story about a Black transgender girl; "Uncle Bobby's Wedding," a story about a young girl who learns about her uncle marrying another man; and "Pride Puppy," which follows a family and their dog at a Pride Parade.

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School officials insist the books are vital for promoting diversity and inclusion. In an MCPS video posted on YouTube, one staff member says, "Our curriculum reflects the rich diversity of our community just like classic fairy tales have always done, and is designed to ensure every student feels

seen, supported, and valued.” The district argues that the material is part of language arts education and does not provide explicit instruction on sexuality.

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The controversy began when the school district initially allowed parents to opt out of the lessons but later reversed the decision, stating the books were not part of sex education. “The board just forged ahead and cut the parents out of the process completely,” said William Haun of the Becket Fund.

Parents involved in the lawsuit argue that their children should not be exposed to such material.

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