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North Dakota parents rage at school board for defying law on kids' gender identities: 'Whose kids are these?'

Fargo School District claimed state law could 'harm' children



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A North Dakota school district is catching flak from parents who allege it continues to keep families in the dark about students' gender identities despite [Gov. Doug Burgum](#), R., signing a bill into law prohibiting the shady practice earlier this month.

"We will not openly out any student because of one law if we know that that's going to cause harm to that child," Fargo Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Rupak Gandhi announced in response to the law.

Gandhi also cited perceived conflict between state and federal law on the issue, arguing the district should continue to advocate for students who identify as transgender, according to a report from The National Desk.

CHRISTIAN TEACHER LOSES JOB AFTER REFUSING TO DECEIVE PARENTS ON KIDS' GENDER TRANSITIONS: 'FROM THE DEVIL'



A concerned mom speaks to the Fargo School Board, slamming the decision to keep students gender identities concealed from parents. (Fargo School Board/YouTube)

Despite the district's claim that the policy is not in place to push back against parents, some took exception at a board meeting scheduled for last Tuesday.

"The way I heard it is that you want to protect kids from their parents," one father alleged, he proceeded to slam the policy, claiming the district is "suppressing talk."

"Not only do you think you know my kids better than I do, you think you know every kid better than

every parent does by saying you will not deal with the parents...

"Won't you be shocked to discover when this happens to one of your kids?" he asked those observing the discussion.

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Woman holding sign with gender pronouns and symbols near white brick wall (iStock)

Another parent, a mother, stood at the podium and voiced her concerns about the policy as well.

"Whether or not you agree with the politics of the law or what is behind it, I really urge you all to pay attention to what we're setting as a precedent," she said.

"Whose kids are these? Do they belong to you as a school board? Do they belong to Fargo Public Schools or is each parent's child ultimately the decision-maker in their family over what is allowed and what is safe for that child...?"

"There is no possible way for each teacher to know every kid as intimately as their parents do,"

she continued.

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The mother, continuing her talk before the school board, later added another warning for parents, saying, "Parenting 101: You teach your kids that nobody that asks you to keep a secret is safe."

The district, like others across the nation that have elected to withhold certain information regarding students' gender identities from parents, cites potential unsafe home environments that could stem from families' unwillingness to accept their children's decisions.

HB1522, in part, prohibits school boards from adopting policies requiring or prohibiting use of a student's [preferred pronouns](#) and bars the district, boards or teachers from "withhold[ing] or conceal[ing] information about a student's transgender status from the student's parent or legal guardian."

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The bill also addresses several key transgender issues, including restroom policies that have dominated discussions across the U.S. in recent years.

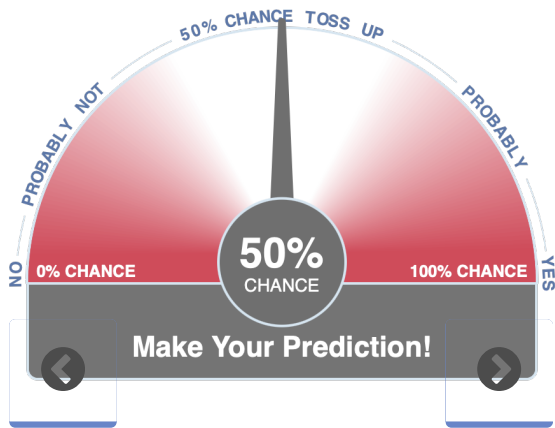
[Fox News Digital](#) reached out to the board members of Fargo Public Schools for comment, but did not receive an immediate response.

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Obviously the school board problem is nation wide. Parents are going to have to get together with their politicians to work on how to eliminate school board power over the children's education and bodies. Either the parents can get voted in or come up with another solution, but this current one isn...

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Teaching children to lie and deceive their parents is destructive to the parent/child relationship. When did this become acceptable.

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These parents should be pushing the mayor to get these teachers to identify with being unemployed.

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Schools should not withhold information from parents about their children. The only exception to that is if a child is being abused at home, in which case the conversations between the child and the school psychologist are confidential. Aside from that, there should be no secrets.

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The one long term and immediate solution is abolishing the entire federal department of education, distribute the vouchers to every student in the country. Let them choose public , private, homeschool, charter, etc. All providers need to provide what their top goals are in education. If you find ou...**See more**

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Teachers are encouraging this sordid behavior and parents are demanding that these teachers be removed from the classroom. It's why school vouchers are becoming so popular. It enables poor parents to remove their kids from such schools.

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My child smeared a banana on another child. He was in the wrong, but the other child was the instigator. His mom Fakebooked a big post that her child was being bullied. Her son has zero social skills and has no concept of boundaries and personal space. Kids get annoyed by him. But because his mom p...

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When a law-defying Socialist import like Rupak Ghandi(?) is hired, people get the consequences they deserve. ANYONE can get an 'advanced degree' in anything these days...a Mumbai Ph.D. is meaningless.

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Burgum is basically a Democrat. The only reason he signed this bill is there was a veto proof majority of the legislature that voted for it. He previously vetoed a school choice/voucher bill. But the school superintendent should be removed from his job by the school board. Fargo is pretty much MN w...

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These boards better be prepared for when the parents stop voicing their opinions and standing up for their rights. When the masses become quiet, the brewing anger will manifest itself in very unpleasant ways.

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The scariest people in a fight are the ones who just wanted to be left alone

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Then vote them out next election.

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Here's a question: How did these kids ever think to start questioning the gender they were born with? Who told them to even consider they might not be what they obviously are? It was never an issue when I was in school.

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Good question. I suspect that at least part of the issue is pressure from peers. The one thing they don't need is any encouragement from teachers.

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You are so right. Ask kids about gender and they can rattle off all kinds of things. Ask them to read, write and do math problems and they have no idea. Sad state of affairs our schools are in.

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I'm no longer the parent of school age children; however as grandparent of 7 boys whose age is below 11 years old, I've spoken with my children who have expressed they're in shock. My daughter, as an ex-teacher, decided to home-school her children. My son and daughter in-law placed both of their bo...**See more**

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The school boards, teachers unions and grooming female teachers seem to think the only responsibility parents have is room and board; they'll take care of everything else.

We need to defund the public schools and eliminate all school boards. Neither one has the best interests of the kids. Let indiv...

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then jut arrest the school board members for telling teachers under their guidance to break the law. It may not hold up, but the school's insurance won't pay to defend criminal charges against school board members.

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I am fortunate enough to be retired at 54, started my own electrical shop right out of the Navy. It afforded me that opportunity as well as putting my kids through private Christian school. I now work occasional side jobs to pay for my grandkids to go to the same school. What our kids are taught is...

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