



## American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update

### Seeking to Expose Attacks on Faith, Family and Freedom with a few wins thrown in

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#### **News from Around PA**

When **Common Core** was signed into law under President Obama, it no longer required the teaching of cursive. Finally, after all these years, they've "discovered" students cannot read cursive or even sign their names on official documents! House Bill 17 requires every public and private elementary school in PA to teach cursive and has been signed into law by Governor Josh Shapiro.

State Rep. Abigail Salisbury (D-Allegheny) is urging the PA Department of Education to audit the **Woodland Hills School District** after she says reports of fraud, waste and abuse went untouched. Woodland Hills Board President Terri Lawson stated the district has no information indicating misappropriation of public money.

From **Planned Parenthood Keystone's** website: "From hormone therapy to birth control and wellness visits, our staff are here to provide expert care in a way that

affirms your gender identity." It also notes in order to receive, "gender affirming hormone therapy you must be 18 or older and be able to provide consent."

#### **News from National Scene**

The **Wicomico County Council in Maryland** has a long-standing tradition of beginning meetings by reciting the Lord's Prayer. Recently they received "multiple letters threatening litigation, including three letters of demand" from the anti-God organization Freedom from Religion Foundation. The county's legal counsel tells them to stop praying, but Christian constitutional attorneys say the county is well within its rights to open meetings in prayer. Unfortunately, the county is now considering different ways to open its meetings.

Organizers of the **Gay Days at Disney World** announced the multi-day event has been put on "pause" this year after several sponsors dropped out. This would have been the 35<sup>th</sup> year the event had taken place.

The **American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)**

recently issued a nine-page policy statement recommending its members not conduct "gender-transition surgeries" on patients under age 19. However, members of an ASPS task force formed last May to investigate the issue of gender surgeries on youth question both the timing and the content of the statement. A two-page open letter was signed by seven members of the task force claiming the board cut the task force out of the loop when it came to developing and releasing the new position statement on youth gender surgeries. One task force member, Dr. Steven Montante – a Virginia plastic surgeon, said, "I would have advocated for extending the restrictions on surgical gender transition through age 25, rather than stopping at 19." Did politics play a role in choosing that age?

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