



Maday v. Township High School District 211 (Ill. App.Ct.)

Topics Covered: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Rights

Issue

The issue in this case is whether a school district's decision to deny a transgender student access to the locker room facilities that match her gender identity violates Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which generally prohibits discrimination in education facilities on the basis of sex, and the Illinois Human Rights Act.

AMA Interest

The AMA opposes policies preventing transgender individuals from accessing basic human services and public facilities in line with their gender identities, including, but not limited to, the use of restrooms.

Case Summary

Nova Maday is a male-to-female transgender high school senior who attends Palatine High School in Illinois. The school district initially denied her request to use the girls' locker room facilities in order to change for physical education classes. The school district then agreed to allow Maday to use the girls' facilities, but only if she used an unspecified changing area removed from other girls.

AMA Involvement

The AMA, along with other medical societies, will join an amicus brief to support Maday. The brief will point out the deleterious medical effects on transgender students who are prevented from using bathroom facilities in line with their gender identities.