

Parents Angry as Virginia High School Faces Probe of Minors' Abortions

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In what has become a chilling unearthing, Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia has launched an investigation into Centreville High School for accusations of arranging and funding students' abortions back in 2021. The news, first revealed by the W.C. Dispatch Substack, has sparked outrage among parents, pro-life advocates, and concerned citizens, raising serious questions about parental rights and school overreach. According to reporting from local news outlet WJLA-TV, the ABC affiliate in Washington, one of the two girls involved was only 17 years old.

The report went into further detail: “One girl underwent the procedure at 17; the other, five months pregnant and pleading to keep her baby, bolted from the clinic after social worker Carolina Díaz allegedly told her she ‘had no choice.’ Principal Chad Lehman, the girls insist, knew—and taxpayers footed the bill. ... A handwritten statement from the first student, translated for clarity, lays out how Díaz scheduled the appointment, paid the clinic’s fees, and swore her to secrecy.

“That alone would be enough to raise the hair on the back of a patriotic taxpayer’s neck, but there is more. A second Centreville minor, five months pregnant and wavering, was allegedly told by the same social worker that she ‘had no other choice.’ The girl, terrified, ultimately bolted from the clinic rather than go through with the procedure. She later confided in her teacher, Mrs. Zenaida Perez, who allowed her name to be used on the record and provided The W.C. Dispatch a recording of the family confirming that no one at the school had ever informed them of the intent to terminate their daughter’s pregnancy. I have reviewed the audio in full and verified its content. It’s heartbreaking.”

FCPS claims it had no prior knowledge of these actions, but has launched an immediate investigation. Superintendent Michelle Reid addressed the allegations in a letter, stating, “I want to stress that at no time would the situation as described in these allegations be acceptable in Fairfax County Public Schools.”

Notably, Virginia state law requires parental consent and notification for minors seeking abortions. Additionally, the school in question has a policy that states “every effort shall be made to encourage and support students suspecting pregnancy to discuss their concerns with their parents or guardians.” And while the policy does not require staff to tell parents, it does say that “in no case shall personnel commit themselves to maintain such information confidentially, keeping it from parents, guardians, or appropriate school authorities.”

Several pro-life groups have responded to the allegations against Centreville High School. The group 40 Days for Life wrote on the social media platform X, “A Fairfax high school secretly arranged and paid for student abortions—without telling parents. This isn’t ‘health care.’ It’s state-funded child exploitation. Every official involved must be held accountable.”

Concerned Women for America described the situation as “an absolutely outrageous affront to parental rights.”

The initial Substack itself concluded as follows: “Parents across Virginia must now stare that question in the eye—and demand answers—because unless swift accountability follows, an unmarked door in Fairfax will stand as a grim reminder that parental rights, the backbone of any free republic, can be pushed to the curb with a sly smile and a dead bolt.”

Mary Szoeh, director of the Family Research Council’s Center for Human Dignity, described the events as a tragedy for the students, a violation of parental rights, and a grave overstep by the school. “Public schools cannot and should not take the place of parents,” she told The Washington Stand. “When a teenager finds out she is pregnant, her parents should know so that they can be there to provide loving support for both her and their grandchild, who is growing in her womb.”

Szoeh continued, “Schools not informing parents, and worse, paying for the killing of a teenager’s unborn child, is horrific. The school officials who did this should be held accountable. Schools cannot take the place of parents, and when they try to, children get hurt. In this case, a teenager will now live with the pain and regret that follows an abortion, and the world will never know her unborn baby.”

She concluded, “Let’s pray for these moms to know God’s healing mercy and love.”