

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER WANTS NEW BATHROOM AND LOCKER ROOM POLICY IN PLACE

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Jacksonville, FL — A Duval County School Board member wants the district to consider a new policy that would limit restrooms and locker rooms to people born of a certain sex.

Jason Fischer - who is running for Charles McBurney's open seat in the state House this November - released a proposal that he intends to present to his colleagues during a meeting on Monday.

The Republican hopes that the DCSB will pass his proposal as soon as possible or at least work towards something similar.

"It is my opinion that we should not cave to political correctness or allow ourselves to be bullied by unconstitutional orders from a lawless federal government," Fischer added.

Fischer admitted that his proposal came in part because of a White House directive released last Friday that tells all public schools to allow transgender students to use the bathroom of whatever sex they identify with regardless of what sex they were born as or risk losing federal funding.

He feels that the district should make those born as boys use boy bathrooms and locker rooms and the same for those born as girls, saying that the directive from the United States departments of Justice and Education is causing confusion.

"Ever since it came out on Friday, almost every person that I've talked to at their door has mentioned this as an issue," Fischer noted.

Fischer also felt that unisex bathrooms and locker rooms were more private options for the few students



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In the district who are transgender as well as the general population.

DCSB Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti said soon after President Obama's announcement that the district's current policy was already compliant with the guidelines released by DOJ and DOE.

Clay County schools have taken a different tack, with Superintendent Charlie Van Zant saying he will not comply with the order, even if means losing up to \$34 million in federal funding.

The St. Johns school district says it will still offer gender-neutral facilities.

A Nassau County schools official says the district has no specific policy on bathroom or locker room use for transgender students but did note that there is one on harassment, bullying and other forms of intimidation.

Baker County schools hasn't responded to a request from WOKV to clarify how or if the White House directive will change how it handles transgender students.