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## Concerned Women for America of Georgia Supports Office for Civil Rights Investigation of the City Schools of Decatur

**Marietta, Georgia** – The U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Atlanta Office has launched an investigation into a 2017 sexual assault case of a then female kindergarten student at a City Schools of Decatur elementary school. According to Vernadette Broyles, the attorney representing the young female victim and her parent, a male student entered a female restroom and sexually assaulted the female student. Ms. Broyles says the male student was legally permitted to enter the female restroom because of the school system's transgender restroom access policy.

Tanya Ditty, State Director of Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Georgia, had this to say on the news of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) investigation:

"Alarms have been going off across the nation for years as to the unintended consequences of a policy that forces students to share restrooms, locker rooms, and showers with the opposite sex. Tragically, a six-year old Decatur student is paying the price by those who failed to heed the warnings.

"In July 2016, Superintendent David Dude began to quietly implement radical new guidelines concerning the handling of transgender students in Decatur City Schools; these guidelines were never submitted to parents for review or to the school board for a public vote.

"By blatantly ignoring the ongoing concerns of parents and concerned citizens who have said that the policy would fail to protect the bodily privacy and safety of Decatur students, Superintendent Dude and a compliant school board stand complicit in the assault of this young victim.

"CWA of Georgia calls on Superintendent Dude to rescind the transgender access policy immediately before any other student is harmed.

"CWA of Georgia will be paying close attention to the OCR investigation, and so should school districts across the state."

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