

## **Township High School District 211**

*Media Statement from Superintendent Daniel Cates Regarding ACLU Lawsuit filed 11-30-2017*

The allegations in this lawsuit misrepresent the accommodations extended to this student and District 211's approach to working with and supporting transgender students.

District 211 has provided caring and responsive supports for transgender students for years, including multiple transgender students who daily use bathrooms and locker rooms of their gender identity in multiple schools.

Every transgender student in District 211 who has requested use of the locker room of their identified gender has been offered such access, along with other supports within an individual support plan.

The Illinois Department of Human Rights has already dismissed this case, stating there was no evidence of discrimination. We will vigorously defend and protect compassionate, fair and equitable support for all students, and, at the same time, we continue to defend our supports for transgender students at the federal level.