

**Statement of Boyertown Area School District Regarding
Amended Complaint In *Joel Doe v. BASD***

April 19, 2017

The District yesterday learned through a few media reports that the complaint in *Joel Doe v. BASD* had been amended to reflect the addition of three plaintiffs, referred to anonymously as one male and two female high school students. The male is said to be a minor. The District and its attorneys will thoroughly review the amended lawsuit, and respond appropriately through the legal process.

As previously stated by the District, we deeply respect and are sensitive to the privacy rights of all students when it comes to accommodating any specific concerns regarding bathroom and/or changing facilities. The district's position is consistent with guidance from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, our Solicitor and what the school district administration believes is fair and equitable. No student in any BASD building is ever forced to use a specific facility, as has been alleged in the lawsuit. Any student, parent/guardian, who has any concerns about any issue in the BASD is strongly encouraged to immediately contact the building principal to address the matter.