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Judge's decision on student privacy disappoints families

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An attorney representing several families in the Chicago area says a recent court decision could very well signify that the U.S. Supreme Court will ultimately decide the issue of student privacy in school facilities.

As 2017 came to a close, a federal judge in Chicago [refused to suspend a school district policy](#) that enables transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice. In his written opinion, Judge Jorge Alonso said courts have "correctly recognized" the "federal protections against sex discrimination are substantially broader than based only on genitalia or chromosome."

Alonso's decision was a legal blow for more than 50 families of Township High School District in the Chicago suburb of Palatine who hoped the preliminary injunction would end the policy for good. Alliance Defending Freedom attorney Gary McCaleb says the court's denial of the injunction is just the beginning of this legal battle.

"The approach the court took – of really not recognizing the privacy of the rest of all the students, of taking the position that it doesn't really matter when anatomically correct boys are put into girls' locker rooms – greatly concerns us," he tells OneNewsNow, adding: "... It's clearly a privacy violation."

The ADF senior counsel believes America's highest court will ultimately settle the controversy of public schools allowing transgender students to use the bathrooms of the sex with which they identify.

"With so many cases in the United States out there trying to protect the privacy of all students, I think the Supreme Court's eventually going to have to decide this question," he concludes.

The Trump administration reversed the Obama-era guidance that advised schools to allow transgender students to use the bathroom of their choice. But that has not ended the controversy. In fact, OneNewsNow [reported last week](#) that part of the problem is that some in the Department of Education apparently are unwilling to enforce Trump's directive.

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