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La Center School District's Statement on the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Mirabelli v. Bonta*

Earlier this week, the United States Supreme Court issued a per curiam opinion in *Mirabelli v. Bonta*, addressing whether school policies that prevent educators from informing parents about significant gender identity decisions at school are consistent with the Constitution.

In its opinion, the Court explained that parents challenging such policies are likely to succeed on the merits of their claims under both the First and Fourteenth Amendments. The Court reaffirmed a long-established principle in American law: "Parents, not the state, hold primary authority over the upbringing and care of their children, including participation in decisions affecting their children's well-being and mental health."

The constitutional questions discussed by the Supreme Court closely mirror the issues at the center of our ongoing case with the state of Washington. Following the Court's decision, the Washington State Attorney General's Office requested a 60-day extension in our administrative proceedings to review the opinion and consider its implications for Washington law.

For more than three and a half years, our district has remained steady in one position: schools serve students best when they work in partnership with families. Parents are the primary decision makers in their children's lives, and they deserve to be included in significant matters affecting their children's development and well-being.

Our position has never changed. We believe schools should support students while respecting the role of families who know and love their children best. Strong schools and strong families are not in conflict; they are partners in the responsibility of educating their children.

We will continue to review the Supreme Court's decision carefully as the legal process moves forward and remain committed to supporting students while honoring the families in our community. Never underestimate the love a parent has for their children.

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