

# BUCKS BULLETIN

## A VICTORY FOR FAIRNESS & EQUALITY: TWO BUCKS DISTRICTS NOW CONSIDER POLICIES TO PROTECT GIRLS' SPORTS



Paula Scanlan, former UPENN swimmer, delivers a heartfelt message in support of Policy 123.3

Advocates for fairness and equality in sports have reason to celebrate here in Bucks County. Central Bucks and Penridge School Districts are officially considering policies that would profoundly impact the future of girls' sports. Proposed Policy 123.3 seeks to designate sports teams based on biological sex, ensuring that girls compete on a level playing field. It's a move rooted in recognizing the undeniable and scientifically supported biological differences between males and females.

Our recent petition to protect girls' sports has garnered immense support, already amassing over 1600 signatures from community members who understand the significance of this cause. This groundswell of support serves as a testament to our collective commitment to fairness and opportunity in athletics in Bucks County, especially for our girls. Over the county line in Perkiomen Valley School District last week, the failure to pass a sex-based bathroom policy led to a walkout of over 400 students.

To underscore the importance of these policies, we turn to the words of Paula Scanlan, a former UPenn swimmer who has become a vocal advocate for the integrity of girls' sports. Paula's firsthand experience, having competed against a transgender swimmer, Lia Thomas, drives home the urgency of this issue.

"If a male individual had played on my (youth) sports team I would have been discouraged to compete, because the competition would have been unfair. You feel like the outcome is fixed, and you know they're going to beat you before you even start," Scanlan said in a video message in support of the policy. "We need to prevent young girls from going through this," she continued.

By passing policies like 123.3, Bucks County school boards can send a powerful message that they won't stand for the erasure of girls in our community in favor of the advancement of transgender ideology.

Policy 123.3 would uphold fundamental ideals of fairness, equality and safety. It would ensure that girls have the chance to compete, excel, and succeed in sports in a manner that acknowledges and respects their unique biological characteristics. Penridge has already made a significant move in this direction by designating bathrooms and locker rooms on the basis of biological sex, a policy that garnered near unanimous support, with only the board's lone Democrat (Ron Wurz) voting in opposition.



Perkiomen Valley (Montco) Board President Jason Saylor speaks in favor of Policy 720 this week, which failed by 1 vote



Penridge passed Policy 720, which separated bathrooms on the basis of sex, in an 8 to 1 vote in April