Issues Schools Avoid but Must Address

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Initiation by Fire

- Ten-day strike notice
- Treasurer resignation

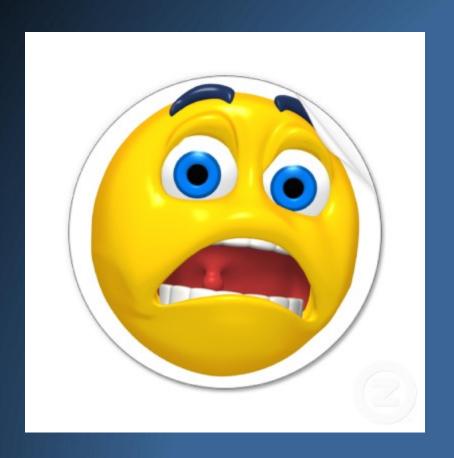








When the Portable Toilet Fell ...



- Litigation
 - Insurance carrier







Drug Bust

- SRO
- Non-SRO
- Phone usage









Drug Bust



- Search & seizure
- Discipline
- Athletic eligibility
- Injunction







Drugs and Personnel

- Teacher A
 - Overdose
 - Reporting requirements









Drugs and Personnel



Teacher B

- Social media cry for help
- Arrest
 - » Drug court
- Reporting requirements







Drugs and Personnel

Bus driver

- Resignation
- Reporting requirements

Google Search for form:

School Bus Driver FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Background Check Form Ohio

Link:

http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Finance-and-Funding/School-Transportation/Forms-Resources/FMCSA-Drug-and-Alcohol-Background-Check-Form/FMCSA-Backgroundck.pdf.aspx







Sex and Social Media

- Revenge Porn
 - Cafeteria worker
- dirty.com
 - Athletic personnel









Student Discipline: Locked Alone in a Room



- What happened
 - Student had PTSD







Student Discipline: Locked Alone in a Room

- Personnel issue
 - Litigation
 - ChildrenServices report
 - ODE Report



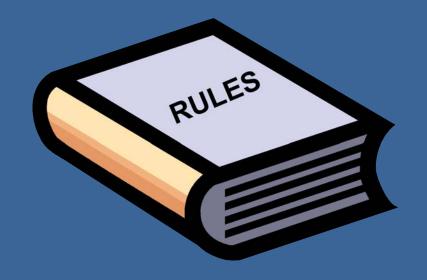






Student Discipline: Locked Alone in a Room

- Child
 - Discipline
 - Special education considerations
 - Litigation









Transgender Student



 Mother of 4th grade student requests that child use the boys' restroom







Transgender Student

United States Department of Education

Civil Rights Division
 May 13, 2016
 "Dear Colleague" Letter







Compliance with Title IX

- As a condition of receiving Federal funds, "a school must not treat a transgender student differently from the way it treats other students of the same gender identity."
- No medical diagnosis or treatment requirement that students must meet as a prerequisite to being treated consistent with their gender identity.







State of Texas v. United States, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 7:16-cv-00054

August 21, 2016

Nationwide Injunction







State of Nebraska v. United States, United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, 4:16-cv-03117

State of Ohio is a Plaintiff







Board of Education of the Highland Local School District v. United States Department of Education, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 2:16-cv-00524

September 26, 2016

Opinion and Order









Southern District







Transgender Student

- Student support team
- Student support plan









Questions?



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