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VISIT TO AN AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL FROM HELL

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I. A VISIT TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Many parents today no doubt ask - "Why NOT the American public schools for my children?" - here is why NOT! My teen-age daughter recently became interested in checking out a local public high school, McCann Technical School in North Adams, Massachusetts.¹ Here's why I will not let my child go to public school in New England:

II. PARENT FREE "REPRODUCTIVE" HEALTH CARE

There was a simple 8-by-10 notice on the guidance department bulletin board: "confidential health services for minors 13 and older," at a clinic at a local hospital, listing the address and the phone number for children to call directly.² Calling the number listed on the flyer, I spoke to a nurse, the clinic being a "State of Mass. Dept. of Public Health" service.

Apparently, Massachusetts state law requires that minors age 13 and up at such clinics be able to obtain reproductive health counseling, testing and services for pregnancy, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and referrals for abortions - without parental consent or even notification. For further treatment for STDs, AIDS and pregnancy "termination" counseling, children are referred to "Tapestry Healthcare."

Calling Tapestry Healthcare,³ I was advised by a nurse that minors, again age 13 and up, can receive gynecological exams, birth controls, treatment for STDs and AIDS, and referrals for abortion without parental consent or advisement. This particular clinic was federally funded via "Title X [Ten]," which requires by federal law that minors receive "confidential" reproductive health services at providers so funded, and forbids contacting parents for consent or advisement.

This is necessary, according to one local state senator, because "children can't always talk to their parents about these things." Thank you, Big Brother!

The Tapestry nurse reported having a long list of available providers who would conduct a pregnancy "termination" in my area, based on a sliding fee schedule [no income? no fee]. One of these "providers" was - surprise - Planned Parenthood.

In Massachusetts parental consent for an abortion for a minor is theoretically required. The "solution" to getting around this state law of course, from the provider's perspective, is simply to not ask the age of the client. After all, that's "confidential" information!

In the neighbouring state of Vermont it's even worse: parental consent, much less even notification, is not required for a minor, age 13 and up, to get an abortion. A state senator there told me he's working on a bill in the Senate to at least require parental notification when a minor is about to get an abortion, but he "can't even get the bill out of

¹ McCann Technical School, North Adams, Mass., (413)-664-9424. <http://www.mccanntech.org>.

² Berkshire Medical Centre of Pittsfield, Mass. (413)-447-2654.

³ Tapestry Healthcare, Mass. (413)-443-2844.

committee!"

III. PUNK, HIP-HOP AND GOTH "FUN" VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Next, the school's Web site.⁴ I went to Library, to Top 10 Internet Sites, to Teen Hoopla. Then, to Say What?, to Subculture. "Goth-an inside look for outsiders" - here's a few key words, "grotesque, desolate, vampires, interest in death, Marilyn Manson, Nine Inch Nails, Dead Can Dance, Self Cutting, Appeal of Graveyards, Blood Drinking, Death Fixation and Depression." After my first visit there and complaints to several authorities, I observed that this was miraculously replaced with a less outrageous – but still quite shocking - Goth site.

Next, to "World Wide Punk." Punk Music Reviews, "Tragedy, Naked n' Happy, Nunnery Nutty, Bend Break Spill, Scrotum Grinder, Sonic Abomination, Brick Bomb, Bouncing Souls, Chemical Generation, Death and Fame and Give Blood."

Next, "Hip Hop Style." This was highly sanitized, "Urban Decay likes to shock and disgust, Make Up for Men? Candy Man, Testosterone and Dog, What's Next? Three-and-a-half-inch bamboo fingernails."

IV. STUDENT SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, THE DEVIL – SENIOR EDITOR

The student school newspaper, "The McCann Buzz," was a treat. "Peer Leaders: If a student has a problem and wishes not to go to an adult for help, they can go to a peer leader. Last year the peer leaders did a diversity project [oh?] and for this year is the Social Norms Marketing, which educates people about health related problems and how to deal with them [such as?] So if you have any problems and you don't want to see an adult about it come and see a peer leader."

Mom and Dad? Forget it. The teens have it all figured out, with the help of a few key school "facilitators" and the local "confidential" clinic "experts" for minors!

On the back page, a poem, "Why did they push him? He wasn't in the way. Just because he found his life - in being gay. I should try and stop this discrimination. Not knowing what I should do. Should I help him and be made fun of too?" Was this teen author indoctrinated into this latest social crusade, anti-"homophobia," with help from the local public school? Need I bother answering this question?

Then I found "Features." Music Review: Evolve by Endo, "anarchy and chaos spewing from your stereo, will kick the living crap out of you!, start banging your head and throwing the horns in the air!, feels like a kick in the teeth with steel-toed boots, think it would be suicide to jump into a mosh pit during a live Endo show, Evolve will scare the crap out of any pop or rap fan, metal head's stereo, sound wave of destruction and mayhem."

⁴ This public school's official website @ <http://www.mccanntech.org>.

Then I found "Ozz," with a picture of this man or woman [I don't know which) rock star. Concert Review, OZZFEST 2001, by a teen girl of the class of 2004. "Marilyn Manson, Black Sabbath, Black Label Society, Disturbed, Drowning Pool, Sinner, Slipnot, New Abortion, The Heretic Anthem, Wait and Bleeds, and Bodies." The young author boasted, "I got caught in a mosh pit [huh?] where a guy behind me got a bloody nose from 'play fighting.'"

Further, "Toxic, Pure Rubbish, Marilyn Manson and Black Sabbath [again?], death and bomb threats [what?], protests from religious organizations [that's good?], Smells Like Children."

The devil himself is apparently the senior editor of this public school student newspaper!

V. PUBLIC SCHOOLS MANUFACTURE FOOLS

I hadn't even gotten to the sex education curriculum at that point, at which time my protective fatherly instincts were, I am told, not so secretly going ballistic. I was advised I could exercise my parental right to opt out my child from "health" if I wanted to. Opt out my kid from sex ed. "health?" How about "opting out" my child from the public schools - period!

Holy Scripture says in PSALM 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no GOD."⁵ Any education system that denies that The LORD in Heaven is, and that He gives man absolutes of right and wrong to live by, is simply graduating fools!

VI. IN CONCLUSION

Send my teen to the local public school? By the hand of Providence, not while I live and breathe! Thinking about sending your teen to the local public high school? If you love your kid, think again!

⁵ King James Version, PSALM 14:1.