

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

LASTAYSHA MYERS,
by and through her legal parent and next friend,
LEDA MYERS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 05-5042

JEFF THORNSBERRY, in his official capacity as
Assistant Principal of Webb City High School;
STEPHEN GOLLHOFER, in his official capacity as
Principal of Webb City High School; and
RONALD LANKFORD, in his official capacity as
Superintendent of Webb City R-VII School District,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF LEDA MYERS

I, Leda Myers, under penalty of perjury, hereby declare:

1. I make this declaration of my own personal knowledge; if called as a witness, I would testify to the contents hereof.

2. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction in this action.

3. I am the legal parent of LaStaysha Myers.

4. On or about November 30, 2004, I helped LaStaysha make a T shirt bearing several slogans expressing support for gay people (e.g., "I Support The Gay Rights," "Love Who You Want To," "Who Are We To Judge," "I Support Them All The Way," "We All Have The Right To Be Who We Want To Be").

5. The following day, Defendants Thornsberry and Gollhofer sent LaStaysha home for wearing her T-shirts to school. When I picked her up from school,

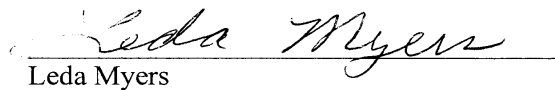
Defendant Thornsberry informed me that she would be further disciplined if she were to wear her T-shirt to school again.

6. That night, I helped Lastaysha make a new T-shirt bearing “Webster’s dictionary definition” of the word “gay” – “marry [sic]; happy.”

7. The following day, Defendants Thornsberry and Gollhofer sent Lastaysha home for wearing her T-shirt to school. When I picked her up from school, Defendant Thornsberry informed me that she would be further disciplined if she were to wear any clothing expressing her pro-gay political beliefs to school again.

8. I have observed one of Lastaysha’s classmates wearing a T-shirt to school expressing his anti-gay political beliefs, i.e., “Adam and Eve, Not Adam and Steve.”

DATED this 5 day of ^{APRil}~~March~~, 2005.


Leda Myers