

Does it say that he should be treated special because of chocolate pers^s his illness

HIV-Positive Boy Talks of Being Denied Entry to Hershey School

A 13-year-old boy who applied to a Hershey, Pa., boarding school told ABC News that it never crossed his mind he would be denied entry because he was HIV-positive.

"I thought I would get into the school, because of the type of student and person I am," he told ABC News in a written interview through his lawyer.

As a result of the school's decision, he added, "my life has turned into fear, anger, confusion and tears."

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The school said today that its residential setting and the risk of sexual activity made the teen too much of a "threat."

The AIDS Law Project has filed suit on behalf of the boy, whose name is being withheld because of his age, on Wednesday in Philadelphia District Court, alleging that the Milton Hershey School violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, which includes HIV in its scope.

"This young man is a motivated, intelligent kid who poses no health risk to other students, but is being denied an educational opportunity because of ignorance and fear about HIV and AIDS," said Ronda Goldfein, the boy's lawyer.

"I don't see the direct threat," the boy told ABC News. "In my home we respect what my mother tells us to do. ... We come straight home from school, do homework, chores and do things as a family unit. Isn't that what Milton Hershey school is supposed to be about, but with a great educational environment? I guess not?!"

Connie McNamara, spokesperson for Milton Hershey, told ABCNews.com the school carefully evaluated the situation and the needs of its 1,850 students, which span from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade.

"We had to balance his rights and interests with our obligation to provide for the health and safety of other students," she said. "And this meets a direct threat."

McNamara knows well that coughing, hugging, and public restrooms won't cause someone to get HIV.

and most private companies cannot be forced to hire a blind — if they can show undue burden

what is he afraid of? judgement

you can't catch HIV unless it's from body fluid

HIV considered as bad as being blind or etc. in this act?

or an understandable safety precaution

Reasons health and safety of others?

possible non-sexual transmission

expensive more private richer parents

costs money (high amount)

Through the lawyer words

Supporting all teens have sex

He was able to talk to reporters

a well known person

Father isn't present? Divorce? HIV related death?

that isn't the same as what the school is trying to do

extreme personal bias presented by reporter not the same reporter

what specific threats would