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Docket for Case #: 25-2735

F. F. v. Valley View Community Unit School District No. 36, et al

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District: 0752

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Docket Entries

Entry #	Filing Date	Description
BL-1	Oct 1, 2025	Private civil case docketed. Fee paid. Docketing statement filed. Transcript information sheet due by 10/15/2025. Appellant's brief due on or before 11/10/2025 for F. F. [1] [7478457] [25-2735] (AD)
BL-2	Oct 2, 2025	Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney Ajay Gupta for Appellant F. F.. [2] [7478494] (L-Yes; E-Yes; R-No) [25-2735] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-3	Oct 2, 2025	Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney Darcy L. Proctor for Appellee Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois. [3] [7478515] (L-Yes; E-Yes; R-No) [25-2735] (Proctor, Darcy)
BL-4	Oct 2, 2025	Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney John M. O'Driscoll for Appellees Keith Wood and Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois. [4] [7478523] (L-No; E-Yes; R-No) [25-2735]--[Edited 10/02/2025 by FP to reflect that atty. Driscoll is added to the docket.] (O'Driscoll, John)
BL-5	Oct 2, 2025	Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney Darcy L. Proctor for Appellee Keith Wood. [5] [7478530] (L-Yes; E-Yes; R-No) [25-2735] (Proctor, Darcy)
BL-6	Oct 2, 2025	Motion filed by Appellant F. F. for expedited briefing schedule and oral argument. [6] [7478604] [25-2735]--[Text updated 10/03/2025 by JR.] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-7	Oct 3, 2025	Filed Response in Opposition by Appellee Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois to PLAINITFFS-APPELLANTS' MOTION SEEKING AN EXPEDITED BRIEFING SCHEDULE. [7][7478691] [25-2735] (Proctor, Darcy)
BL-8	Oct 3, 2025	Filed Reply by Appellant F. F. to DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINITFFS-APPELLANTS' MOTION SEEKING AN EXPEDITED BRIEFING SCHEDULE. [8][7478756] [25-2735] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-9	Oct 6, 2025	Filed Seventh Circuit Transcript Information Sheet by Appellant F. F. [9] [7478923] [25-2735] (AP)
BL-10	Oct 15, 2025	ORDER re: 1. Motion for expedited briefing schedule and oral argument. 2. Response in opposition to motion seeking an expedited briefing schedule. 3. Reply in support of

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		motion for expedited briefing schedule and oral argument. The request for an expedited briefing schedule is DENIED. The appellant has not demonstrated good cause for entering the proposed briefing schedule. See Fed. R. App. P. 2(a). Appellant may file her opening brief before the current deadline of November 10, 2025, and appellees brief will be due 30 days after service of appellants brief. See Fed. R. App. P. 31(a)(1). Oral argument in this appeal will be held during the week of January 27-30, 2026, and will be scheduled by separate court order. CLH [10] [7480880] [25-2735] (PS)
BL-11	Oct 15, 2025	Submitted appellant brief by Ajay Gupta for Appellant F. F.. [11] NOTE: Access to this entry is limited to counsel of record. Once the document is approved by the court, it will be filed onto the court's docket as a separate entry which will be open to the public. [7480978] [25-2735] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-12	Oct 15, 2025	Appellant's brief filed by Appellant F. F.. Appellee's brief due on or before 11/14/2025 for Jason Pascavage, Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois and Keith Wood. Paper copies due on 10/22/2025. REMINDER: If a case is designated to proceed to oral argument, hearing notices will be mailed shortly before the date of oral argument. Please note that counsel's unavailability for oral argument must be submitted by letter, filed electronically with the Clerk's Office, and should be made by no later than seven days after the filing of the appellee's brief. See Cir. R. 34(b)(3), (4). The court's calendar is located at https://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/cal/argcalendar.pdf . Once scheduled, oral argument is rescheduled only in extraordinary circumstances. See Cir. R. 34(b)(4), (e). [12] [7480987] [25-2735] (LJ)
BL-13	Oct 17, 2025	Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney Alexander Myers for Appellees Jason Pascavage, Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois and Keith Wood. [13] [7481358] (L-No; E-Yes; R-No) [25-2735]--[Docket updated 10/17/2025 by JR to add Attorney Myers.] (Myers, Alexander)
BL-14	Oct 22, 2025	Paper copies of appellant brief filed by Appellant F. F.. [14] [7482396] [25-2735] (GW)
BL-15	Nov 7, 2025	Motion filed by Appellees Jason Pascavage, Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois and Keith Wood to extend time to file appellee brief. [15] [7485981] [25-2735] (Proctor, Darcy)
BL-16	Nov 10, 2025	Filed Response in Opposition by Appellant F. F. to Defendants-Appellees' Motion for Extension of Time to File Response Brief. [16][7486026] [25-2735] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-17	Nov 10, 2025	ORDER re: 1. Motion for extension of time to file appellees' response brief, filed on 11/7/2025. 2. Response in opposition to appellees' motion for extension of time to file response, filed on 11/10/2025. The motion is GRANTED. Briefing will proceed as follows: Appellees' brief due on or before 12/05/2025 for Jason Pascavage, Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois and Keith Wood. Appellant's reply brief, if any, is due on or before 12/26/2025 for Appellant F. F. CDH [17] [7486235] [25-2735] (FP)
BL-18	Dec 5, 2025	Submitted appellee brief by Darcy L. Proctor for Appellees Jason Pascavage, Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois and Keith Wood. [18] NOTE: Access to this entry is limited to counsel of record. Once the document is approved by the court, it will be filed onto the court's docket as a separate entry which will be open to the public. [7491148] [25-2735] (Proctor, Darcy)

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BL-19	Dec 5, 2025	Appellee's brief filed by Appellees Jason Pascavage, Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois and Keith Wood. Paper copies due on 12/12/2025. [19] [7491149] [25-2735] (CAH)
BL-20	Dec 11, 2025	Paper copies of appellee brief filed by Appellees Jason Pascavage, Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois and Keith Wood. [20] [7492230] [25-2735] (CAH)
BL-21	Dec 12, 2025	Argument set for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Courtroom, Room 2721, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Each side limited to 15 minutes. [21] [7492645] [25-2735] (SK)
BL-22	Dec 26, 2025	Submitted appellant reply brief by Ajay Gupta for Appellant F. F.. [22] NOTE: Access to this entry is limited to counsel of record. Once the document is approved by the court, it will be filed onto the court's docket as a separate entry which will be open to the public. [7494960] [25-2735] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-23	Dec 26, 2025	Appellant's reply brief filed by Appellant F. F.. Paper copies due on 01/05/2026. [23] [7495010] [25-2735] (EF)
BL-24	Dec 30, 2025	Paper copies of appellant reply brief filed by Appellant F. F.. DIST. [24] [7495532] [25-2735] (CAH)
BL-25	Jan 20, 2026	Received argument confirmation per argument email form for Attorney Darcy L. Proctor for Appellees Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois, Keith Wood and Jason Pascavage. [25] [7499147] [25-2735] (CAH)
BL-26	Jan 21, 2026	Received argument confirmation per argument email form for Attorney Mr. Ajay Gupta for Appellant F. F.. [26] [7499450] [25-2735] (CAH)
BL-27	Jan 27, 2026	Case heard and taken under advisement by panel: Amy J. St. Eve, Circuit Judge; Thomas L. Kirsch, II, Circuit Judge and Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, Circuit Judge. [27] [7500669] [25-2735] (GW)
BL-28	Jan 27, 2026	Case argued by Mr. Ajay Gupta for Appellant F. F. and Darcy L. Proctor for Appellees Valley View Community Unit School District No. 365-U; Will County, Illinois, Keith Wood and Jason Pascavage. [28] [7500670] [25-2735] (GW)
BL-29	May 12, 2026	ORDER: On appeal, plaintiff seeks only prospective relief: a preliminary injunction barring defendants from enforcing a policy related to student bathroom access. When a student brings an action seeking prospective relief and graduates during the pendency of the litigation, the claim is presumptively moot. See <i>Bd. of Sch. Comm'rs of City of Indianapolis v. Jacobs</i>, 420 U.S. 128, 129 (1975). And adults presumptively cannot proceed under pseudonym or have another represent their interests. <i>Doe v. Village of Deerfield</i>, 819 F.3d 372, 37677 (7th Cir. 2016); Fed. R. Civ. P. 17(a)(1). The record indicates that F.F. was 17 years old and a high school junior in the fall of 2024 and that plaintiff initially filed a complaint in August of 2025. Now, F.F. may no longer be a student at Bolingbrook High School, or she may be graduating in the near future. She also may no longer be a minor. Within seven days, plaintiff shall advise the court whether F.F. is still enrolled at Bolingbrook High School, and if so, provide us with her expected graduation date and an explanation as to why this case is not moot. Plaintiff shall also advise the court whether F.F. has turned 18. If so, plaintiff shall advise whether F.F. wishes to proceed under her real name and represent herself in this litigation, and, if she does not, explain how her father retains

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		capacity to sue on her behalf. [29] [7525044] [25-2735] (PS)
BL-30	May 19, 2026	Motion filed by Appellant F. F. to extend time to file response to Court's order of May 12, 2026 (Doc. 29). [30] [7526870] [25-2735] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-31	May 20, 2026	ORDER re: Motion for extension of time to fully respond to the courts order. The request for an extension of time is GRANTED. The deadline for the plaintiff to respond to this courts May 12, 2026, order is extended to June 3, 2026. CLH [31] [7527071] [25-2735] (PS)
BL-32	Jun 3, 2026	Filed Response by Appellant F. F. to Court's Order of May 12, 2026. [32][7530371] [25-2735] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-33	Jul 1, 2026	Filed Notice of Supplemental Authority by Appellant F. F.. [33] [7536962] [25-2735] (Gupta, Ajay)
BL-34	Jul 16, 2026	Filed Nonprecedential Disposition PER CURIAM. DISMISSED. Amy J. St. Eve, Circuit Judge; Thomas L. Kirsch II, Circuit Judge and Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, Circuit Judge. [34] [7540512] [25-2735] (CG)
BL-35	Jul 16, 2026	ORDER: Final judgment filed per nonprecedential disposition. With costs: yes. [35] [7540517] [25-2735] (CG)