

## **Vivek Ramaswamy Statement on Treating Transgenderism as a Mental Health Disorder and Funding School Marshals**

COLUMBUS, OH – Today, in the wake of the Nashville school shooting at Covenant Presbyterian Church, U.S. Presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy issued the following statement on treating gender dysphoria as mental health condition and abolishing the U.S. Department of Education while reallocating funds to put armed marshals in every school across America:

"The real question is why this psychopath in Nashville was able to get into the school in the first place. We protect green pieces of paper in a bank with more armed guards than we do our kids in schools. We pay for Thousands Standing Around (TSA) in our airports. There's more security at a random mall than in a public school.

"We spend \$80 billion per year through the U.S. Dept of Education that helps fund radical gender and racial ideology to create psychopaths, yet don't protect kids in our schools from being killed by them. That's wrong.

"When someone identifies as a gender different from their biological sex, more often than not, that is a sign and a symptom that they are suffering from a mental illness. I reject the idea that it is somehow 'humane' to affirm their confusion, rather than to actually help them. It's inhumane.

"I reaffirm my commitment to shut down the U.S. Department of Education and will distribute the savings to put armed marshals in every school to protect every kid in America from these tragedies. This shouldn't be controversial."

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