Hershey School Reverses Denial of Admission to Boy With HIV

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The Milton Hershey School will admit a student who was allegedly denied admission because he has HIV, PennLive.com reports. The boy, who has maintained his privacy but is referred to as Abraham Smith, filed a suit in federal court against the private boarding school, which serves financially disadvantaged youth. The Pennsylvania school is affiliated with the candy maker Hershey Company but is independently run. According to a statement from Anthony Colistra, president of the school board, a new Equal Opportunity Policy will be issued to clarify that applicants with HIV are no different from their peers; it will also provide mandatory training to staff and students on HIV-related issues. The school stands by its initial decision not to accept Smith. However, since the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) disagreed with how it evaluated the risks and applied the law, the school has decided to accept DOJ guidance.

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