

The Boyertown School Board can avoid a federal lawsuit and its potential monetary damages if it changes its policy allowing transgender students to use the bathrooms and locker rooms of the gender with which they identify, according to a letter sent to the district.

sexually harassed and his privacy violated when the district allowed a transgender student born female to change clothes with him in the boys' locker room at Boyertown High School in October.

The letter, called a "demand

attorney with Litchfield Cavo of Pittsburgh.

While the letter is not on the board's agenda for its meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Boyertown Junior High School East, the board "looks forward to hearing from the community on this issue" be-

compliant with the law."

The lawsuit, filed March 21 in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia, which also seeks unspecified damages, won't be served if the district agrees to issue the statement changing its policy, according to the demand letter.

■ It will protect a student's "expectation of privacy" that same-sex bathrooms and locker rooms "are designed to protect, so students will not be exposed to members of the opposite sex when using such facilities."

■ Single-user bathrooms

from entering to render assistance.

■ And that disabled persons or young children in need of assistance may be permitted to use facilities of the opposite sex.

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Olivet clubs get a refreshing donation



Children from the Olivet Boys & Girls Clubs location on Clinton Street with some of the 2,800 cases of Smartwater donated by the Coca Cola Co. on Monday. With the kids are, back row, from left, Richard DeGroote, Chelsey Reichelt and Jordan Rodriguez from the Olivets; and Ted Simes and Jenna Schreiber from Lentz Milling Co. Full story, B3

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Olivet Boys & Girls Clubs members from the Clinton Street location look at the bottled Smartwater donated to the organization by The Coca-Cola Co. The kids were checking the gift out Monday at Lentz Milling Co.'s distribution site in Reading.

Coca-Cola gift will keep kids hydrated

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Olivet Boys & Girls Clubs members received a refreshing donation Monday.

The Coca-Cola Co. donated 2,800 cases of Smartwater to the club.

"This is definitely going to help during the summer to keep the kids hydrated," said Chelsey Reichelt, marketing

coordinator for Olivet. "We will not have to buy water for a while."

The gift will save the club an estimated \$30,000, she said.

The majority of the donation is being stored at Lentz Milling Co.'s location in Fleetwood, said Ted Simes, director of operations at Lentz.

A portion of the donation was presented Monday at

Lentz's distribution center in Reading to Olivet kids from the club's Clinton Street location.

Lentz is storing the water at no cost to the club, Simes said.

The donation will help quench the thirst of kids in the club's similarly named SMART Moves program, Reichelt said.

In the program, which promotes exercise, healthy lifestyles and drug-abuse prevention, kids focus on skills, mastery and resistance training, or SMART.

The water will also be available for summer camp programs and members at the club's seven Reading locations and the one in Pottstown, Reichelt said.

Cumru Township man admits theft of more than \$200,000

BY STEPHANIE WEAVER

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A Cumru Township man admitted Monday that he stole more than \$200,000 from a Spring Township medical office during a four-year period when he served as its chief operating officer.

Lloyd C. Beck Jr., 61, of the first block of Olympic Drive entered an open guilty plea before Judge Thomas G. Parisi

there is not a negotiated sentence in the case.

Beck admitted he embezzled the funds while working as the COO of Berks-Schuykill Respiratory Specialists Inc., 2608 Keiser Boulevard, from Aug. 28, 2006, to Sept. 3, 2010.

Prosecutors said they would be requesting a total of \$190,175.96 in restitution, which is less than the total amount Beck admittedly

agement of the company, day-to-day operations, finance and human resources. He left the position several months before the theft was discovered.

Beck's replacement became suspicious of some of the entries in the office's ledgers and recommended that a certified public accounting firm be hired to conduct a forensic audit.

The audit, completed Jan. 12, 2012, determined there

bezzlement.

Detectives discovered Beck gave himself pay raises and bonuses that he otherwise did not earn during his employment with the company throughout a four-year period.

During the four-year period, he gave himself a total of \$100,130 more in salary and \$120,185 in excess bonuses. The salary amount increased during each year of the fraud, while the bonus amounts were