



**Eagle Council 54**

**Friday, 9/25/26**

**11:15 am**

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**Speaker: Rhyen Staley** is the Director of Research for Defending Education (DE). His research and writing on behalf of DE have appeared on Fox News, The Daily Wire, The Blaze, National Review Online, The Hill, Newsweek, The Daily Caller, and The Washington Free Beacon. Staley's work has informed proposed federal legislation, prompted U.S. Senate letters of inquiry, and inspired Congressional hearings.

His research has also been cited in numerous reports and publications, including Abigail Shrier's *Bad Therapy: Why the Kids Aren't Growing Up*. Mr. Staley has made appearances on Fox News, Newsmax, One America News, and The Wilkow Majority.

He is a third-generation educator with fifteen years of experience as a public and private school teacher. Staley spent over twenty-five years coaching male and female athletes at the middle, high school, and college level.

He is married to an educator and is the father of two school-aged children.

**Title: *Parental Rights: Stopping Discrimination in Education***

**Outline:**

- Overview of Defending Education and the scope of its work
- What is FERPA? And how are schools violating this federal law?
- PPRA, Mahmoud, and how schools keep parents in the dark.
- Calling schools out for violating the law – filing federal complaints

**Action Items:**

- Raise awareness of what rights parents have in education
- Understand how school districts and universities violate federal education laws
- Expose violations to the public
- File federal complaints against schools