**“What happens when your son tells you he’s really a girl”**

Reading Questions

1. What are beta (hormone) blockers, and why would young people who identify as transgendered take them?

2. How is contemporary gender variance different from the “reparative treatments” used in the past?

3. What sorts of things were included in the Public Health Agency of Canada’s recommendations to schools in 2010? What would YOU ad?

4. What’s the significance of removing Gender Identity Disorder from the APA Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders?

5. Why does the author choose to include the statistic that gender variant youths have the highest rates of isolation and suicide?

6. Why do many professionals recommend “watchful waiting” and holding of on beta blockers as long as possible with kids who display gender dysphoria?

7. What is one of the biggest concerns for parents of transgendered young people? Why is parental support so important for them?