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Sex Ed Classes Spark Russia's Children's Ombudsman's Outrage

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Russian children's rights ombudsman Pavel Astakhov.

Russian children's ombudsman Pavel Astakhov has demanded that the Siberian city of Tyumen stop giving sexual education classes in schools, the RIA Novosti news agency reported Thursday.

Astakhov asked the regional governor's office to take measures against the classes, calling them an "amateur performance."

The ombudsman's move came after a similarly outraged letter from an NGO called the Tyumen Parents Committee.

On Oct. 30, the committee published an article saying the lessons called "A Spermatozoid Journey" for fourth-grade pupils were inappropriate.

The lessons were aimed at explaining to schoolchildren how the human reproductive system works, but the committee considered the classes “seductive” and “schizophrenic,” the article says.

Previously, the Tyumen Parents Committee had also complained about the lessons “Women's Hygiene and Physiology” and “Moral Aspects of Sexual Upbringing,” the ura.ru online news agency reported in October.

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