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INFORMATION_PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST - FLORIDA 24 NETWORK

9 messages

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Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 11:56 AM

Good morning-

NOTE: Feel free to contact Reporter Katie LaGrone with any questions or concerns. She can be reached at 561-313-6334 or katie.lagrone@scripps.com

In response to the increase in book challenges local school districts are facing, we are seeking the most current information available at your district regarding any book removals and challenges. Specifically, we are seeking the following information:

- to date, how many books have been challenged this school year?
- to date, how many books have been removed from school shelves this year?
- please provide the name of books removed, when the book was removed, which grade level (Elem, middle, high), and why
- to date, how many books are currently under review for potential removal?
- please provide the name of these books and which grade level (elementary, middle, high school)
- Pursuant to Chapter 119, please provide copies of any challenges received by the district

In addition, on a separate and unrelated topic, we are also seeking the last three years' worth of student homeless data provided to the FLDOE as described in the attached FLDOE document. Can you please break down the "total" homeless data by grade, pre-k, elementary, middle, or high school? Please make sure to include current school year counts to date.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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104K

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Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 2:02 PM

Good afternoon,

The School Board of Levy County has not received any book challenges this school year. We have not removed any books from our shelves. There are not any books currently under review for removal.

We will send the homeless data to you next week.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Kalee Wade

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Wed, May 18, 2022 at 1:49 PM

Good afternoon,

Just wanted to follow up to make sure the response to book challenges hasn't changed so we are being accurate.

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Wed, May 18, 2022 at 2:05 PM

Good afternoon,

We have not had any book challenges.

Thank you,

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INFORMATION REQUEST_BOOK CHALLENGE FOLLOW-UP_FLORIDA 24 NETWORK

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Mon, May 23, 2022 at 12:09 PM

Good morning,

While reviewing the book challengers' material from a recent request, an interesting element we've found is the increase in school districts that are/will be allowing parents to determine if their child can or cannot check out a specific book. Osceola is one where they have a "parent access" policy being put into place.

- Does the district have or is the district planning to adopt a new policy that allows parents to determine his/her child's access to certain library books? If so, can you please provide any details of that policy that are available.
- Is there a plan to revise their 'student library book access' policies anytime soon and if so, to what?

My deadline is Tuesday, 5/24.

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Mon, May 23, 2022 at 2:15 PM

To: Heather Rawlins <heather.rawlins@levyk12.org>, Christopher Cowart <christopher.cowart@levyk12.org>

I received this request from a reporter.

Currently, our schools have a variety of procedures in place regarding student access to library materials. In light of new state expectations, Levy County will be reviewing and revising, as necessary, all policies and procedures for the 22-23 school year in order to ensure compliance with those expectations in each of our school libraries."

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