

Maria Curet

From: FFTRP <flfreedomtoreadproject@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Maria Curet
Subject: Re: FW: PRR- Book Challenges & Removals

Good Afternoon,

We can withdraw that request at this time. Thank you.

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 14:00 Maria Curet <maria.curet@keysschools.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please allow this response to serve as acknowledgment of your public records request dated April 28, 2022.

Please confirm your authorization of a fee not to exceed \$50.00 to cover the labor cost of the personnel who will be tasked with processing your request, as permitted by Fla. Stat. 119.07(4)(d). We unfortunately cannot begin processing your request until we have received your authorization for the above-referenced fee.

Thanks,

From: F Read <flfreedomtoreadproject@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 2:48 PM

To: Dorothy Wetherington -Zamora <dorothy.zamora@hamiltonfl.com>

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Subject: Re: PRR- Book Challenges & Removals

Good Afternoon,

The brevity of your reply mirrors one we received yesterday via a "reply all" response. While we understand that it's your job to have an eye on everything that happens in your district, you cannot possibly be aware of every email between departments or within departments. We sent the request to the Superintendent as the FL DOE site advised us to do, but with the anticipation that you would do as other districts have done and forward the request onto your records department for a thorough search of your database.

If it helps, allow us to clarify keywords that should be used when addressing our request in the first bullet point:

- Dates: 1/1/22 to present day
- Keywords (containing any of the following): HB1557, HB7, HB1467, "library book removal", "challenge to instructional materials", "gender identity", LGBTQ, "challenged materials", "library challenge", "adoption of library books", "Parents' Rights in Education", "Anti-Racism", "library access", "restricted access to the library", "K-3 restricted access", "Media Specialist Certification", Destiny, Follett, "textbook challenge"
- Draft versions, presentations or emails that include discussions and/or updates that must be made to existing policy to comply with the 2022 FL state education legislation

Thank you for your time and assistance.

On Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 14:39 Dorothy Wetherington -Zamora <dorothy.zamora@hamiltonfl.com> wrote:

Hamilton is in receipt of your request.

- Our policy and procedure manual is posted on our website. Any information you are seeking related to your topic is available in this document and is word searchable.
- No books have been challenged.
- No books have been removed.

Lee Wetherington-Zamora

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Subject: PRR- Book Challenges & Removals

Dear Superintendents:

We are reaching out today because we feel as if there is a concerted effort to constrict the information and elected learning available to our students in the state of Florida. We are a parent group with children in the public school system. We are also not funded or supported by any larger organization.

We know there are largely three groups working in our state to limit the information available in the library: Florida Citizens Alliance, County Citizens Defending Freedom, and Moms For Liberty. Ultimately, these groups seek to use the momentum they build sowing distrust in Public Education to move more funds over to for-profit education.

Our group believes we need to shine as much light as we can on exactly who is bringing forth these challenges across the state (LARGELY IT IS NOT PARENTS) to help put a stop to this attack. The way they have gone about threatening our Boards and Educators with criminal charges and loosely throwing around the term "groomer" is intentional. It has already resulted in many of our Districts going against their own policies. We do not blame those that have- these are scary times, and when the attacks come out of nowhere they can catch you off guard. But, we are six months in now. We know their tactics. We know this won't end by entertaining the challenge and fairly reviewing the books. We need a better strategy and that involves showing exactly what this attack looked like over the last six months.

We didn't get out of Vietnam until enough people saw images of what was happening there and demanded better of their government. We hate to equate the two, but it is the future of public education at stake here.

We truly hope you will consider fulfilling our request in a timely manner and with as little additional costs as you can muster.

Pursuant to Article I, section 24 of the Florida Constitution, and chapter 119, F.S., we are requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain electronic copies of public records that include:

- Documents and emails from the 21/22 school year that include the policies/procedures associated with library and curriculum literary works challenges and removals
- Challenge forms, emailed requests, and/or call logs for removal of literary works submitted to any school within the district or directly to the district during the 21/22 school year
- A list of any literary works (library or curriculum) removed during the 21/22 school year by way of school leadership, committee review, and/or School Board along with a description of why the book was removed. This includes temporary removals while under review. Please include the date the book became inaccessible to students and the date the book was returned (if applicable).

We request a waiver of all fees for this request since the disclosure of the information we seek is not primarily in our commercial interest, and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, making the disclosure a matter of public interest.

Should you deny our request, or any part of the request, please state in writing the basis for the denial, including the exact statutory citation authorizing the denial as required by s. 119.07(1)(d), F.S.

We will contact your office within three business days to discuss when we may expect fulfillment of this request, and payment of any statutorily prescribed fees.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

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Warm Regards,

Jen Cousins & Stephana Ferrell

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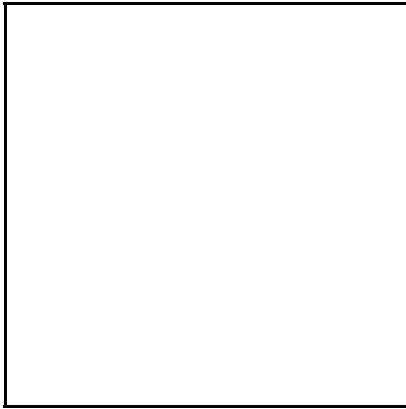
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