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TO: Ms. Thomas

FROM: Mr. John Stratton, Superintendent

DATE: February 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Media Challenges 050-23 HHS, 065-23 NCTHS, 066-23 CHS and 090-23 SHS

This response is in reference to your challenge for the book, “The Truth About Alice” at Hernando, Nature Coast, Central and Springstead High School. The review committee at Hernando High School has evaluated the book, "The Truth About Alice", written by Jennifer Mathieu based on the criteria from Hernando County School Board Policy 2522. The committee, in evaluating the questioned material, was guided by the following criteria: the appropriateness of the material for the age and maturity level of the students with whom it is being used, the accuracy of the material, the objectivity of the material, the use being made of the material.

The committee's recommendation is that the book is not removed from Hernando County Schools. The Board will review the case, including all evidence proffered, during a publicly noticed Board meeting on February 20, 2024. The Board will announce during the meeting whether the challenged material meets the requirements of Policy 2522. You may submit any additional evidence for the Board's consideration no later than fourteen (14) days before February 20, 2024.