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TO: Ms. Thomas

FROM: Mr. John Stratton, Superintendent

DATE: November 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Media Challenges 037-23 HHS, 068-23 NCTHS, 076-23 SHS, 077-23 WWK8 and 081-23 CHS

This response is in reference to your challenges for the book, *“Eleanor and Park”* at Hernando High, Nature Coast Technical High, Springstead High, Winding Waters K8 and Central High School. This book went to a committee at Hernando High School and the results of that committee also determine the challenges for the schools listed above. The review committee at Hernando High School has evaluated the book, 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 for the book to remain available to students in Hernando County Schools. The Board will review the case, including all evidence proffered, during a publicly noticed Board meeting on January 23, 2023. 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 January 23, 2023.