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TO: Ms. Thomas

FROM: Mr. John Stratton, Superintendent

DATE: February 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Media Challenge SHS 092-23

This response is in reference to your challenge for the book, "The Haters" at Springstead High School. The review committee at Springstead has evaluated the book, "The Haters", written by Jesse Andrews 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 be removed from Hernando County Schools. The Board will review the case, including all evidence proffered, during a publicly noticed Board meeting on March 12, 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 March 12, 2024.