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TO: Ms. Thomas

FROM: Mr. John Stratton, Superintendent

DATE: December 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Media Challenge HHS 040-23 and CHS 091-23

This response is in reference to your challenge for the book, “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You” at Hernando High School and Central High School. The review committee at Hernando High School has evaluated the book, " Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You", written by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi 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 January 23, 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 January 23, 2024.