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TO: Ms. Thomas

FROM: Mr. Ray Pinder, Superintendent

DATE: October 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Media Challenge #6

This response is in reference to your challenge for the book, "Graceling" at Winding Waters K-8, Central High, Hernando High, and Weeki Wachee High School. West Hernando Middle School was also challenged on the objection form but did not have the book in Insignia. The review committee at Hernando High School has evaluated the book, "Graceling", written by Kristen Cashore 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 to limit access to grades 9-12 in Hernando County Schools. The Board will review the case, including all evidence proffered, during a publicly noticed Board meeting in December. 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 the December board meeting (that date will be determined by the new board in November).