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December 3, 2021

Jill Woolbright  
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Dear Ms. Woolbright,

Janet McDonald  
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Flagler School Board policy 411 provides the authority to select the materials and other resources in the media center collections. The district realizes not everyone will agree with every selection made. Our teachers and media specialists provide books and other materials that aim to meet a multitude of ages and interests. This district strives to provide appropriate educational, intellectual and physical access to resources that provide a wide range of abilities and differing points of view.

Cheryl Massaro  
Board Member  
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In response to the received complaint the Director of Teaching and Learning facilitated a review of the book via the District Media Review Committee (DMRC). The DMRC met on December 1, 2021 to review the reconsideration request of *All Boys Aren't Blue*, which was published in 2020. I considered their recommendation along with other factors to determine the final disposition of this book. Other factors that I considered include personally reading the material, listening to stakeholder input from those both in support of and in opposition of your complaint, and consulting with some of my peers from across the state.

Kaylee Briggs  
Student School Board Member  
Flagler Palm Coast H.S.

At this time, I am requesting the book, *All Boys Aren't Blue*, be removed from all Flagler Schools media centers.

Karissa Jackson  
Student School Board Member  
Matanzas H.S.

As the complainant, you may request an appeal to this decision should you feel that the district level did not satisfactorily resolve your concerns. If an appeal is submitted, the School Board shall review recommendations from the district-level and shall render the final decision on the complainant's concern.

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At this time, I feel that these books are appropriate and should be retained as a resource available to teachers and students in our schools.

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Cathy Mittelstadt

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