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The Honorable Alesia F. Jones
Presiding Judge of the Solano County Superior Court
Hall of Justice
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

RE: 2023-2024 GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED: BOOK BANNING IN SOLANO COUNTY?

Dear Judge Jones:

The Solano County Superintendent of Schools nor the Solano County Board of Education have any jurisdiction related to instructional materials or public school libraries. The recommendations are better directed to each local school district and their local governing boards that have jurisdiction over these local school district matters.

Although the Solano County Office of Education provides for oversight in areas such as fiscal oversight, accounting and payroll services, and teacher credentialing technical assistance and support, the Solano County Superintendent of Schools and the Solano County Board of Education do not govern school districts in Solano County.

Each district has its own school board and superintendent who employ their staff and administer the education of students. Complaints or concerns related to a school, whether it be in regard to staff, educational programs, or extra-curricular activities, are under the direct authority of the superintendent of each school district. Concerns related to, in this case, public school libraries are more appropriately directed to the district school board of a specific district in question.

Sincerely,

Lisett Estrella-Henderson

County Superintendent of Schools

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