

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

POLICY – COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

BP 1312.2

The County Board of Education will accept criticisms/suggestions concerning instructional materials recommended for adoption by the County Board of Education, or previously adopted by the County Board of Education for use in programs administered by the Santa Barbara County Education Office and/or furnished to school districts by the County Education Office. Such criticisms/suggestions will be accepted only from staff, district residents, or the parents/guardians of students enrolled in a district school or program administered by the County Education Office.

Any such criticisms/suggestions must be submitted in writing to the County Superintendent of Schools, and must include the following:

- ! Name, home and/or business address, and telephone number of individual(s) submitting criticism/suggestion
- ! Date of communication
- ! Group or organization, if any, which s/he represents
- ! Title of book or film or other material, author or producer, and copyright date, if known
- ! Specific reason(s) for suggestion or criticism
- ! Page reference for each objection, specific nature of each objection; or description of film sequence and nature of objection
- ! Suggested disposition of material being challenged (i.e. exclusion or withdrawal from all students; reconsideration in comparison with other specified material; substitution of another specified age group of students for whom the material shall be available; or other disposition)
- ! Suggestions, if any, on other material considered to be more appropriate, and reasons for this opinion

The County Superintendent of Schools shall inform the County Board of Education of the receipt of any such criticism/suggestion, and shall administer his/her regulations and procedures for the review of the material in question.

Pending any such review and final decision, adoption of the questioned material by the County Board of Education shall be tabled. Materials in current use shall remain in use pending decision on their retention or withdrawal.

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