

Statement on Library Resources from the Old Rochester Regional School District School Committee

The School Committee that serves the Old Rochester Regional School District wishes to issue a statement on the role of Library Resources and their importance within the Old Rochester Regional School District's Junior and Senior High Schools.

Based on the current and approved policies that govern the Old Rochester Regional School District, the selection of Library Resources is the primary responsibility of the schools' professional library staff. The schools' librarians utilize not only the school district's approved policies and procedures to determine how they select appropriate library resources, but also their professional expertise.

Our schools' librarians are highly-trained, credentialed professionals whom we rely on to ensure our library collections provide a well-balanced coverage of subjects, formats, and a wide range of educational materials that support the curriculum, the state frameworks, and the diverse interests and needs of the students and staff.

Specifically, the approved policies and procedures related to Library Resources include an approved selection criteria. This general selection criteria is utilized by our professional staff to provide students and staff with a wide range of educational materials on all levels of difficulty, with diversity of appeal, and allowing for the presentation of many different points of view.

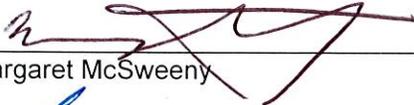
Nevertheless, the School Committee understands it is important to afford individuals within our school community the ability to request a review of resources within our library collections if there are concerns regarding appropriateness. Therefore, there is an approved School Committee procedure for filing a request to review books or educational materials. This procedure can be found on our school website, on the Teaching and Learning webpage.

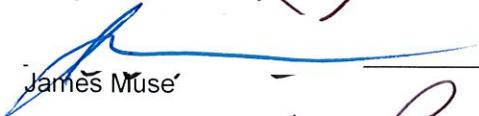
It is important for our school community to know that the School Committee subscribes in principle to the statements of policy on library philosophy as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association. Therefore, we believe books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community that the libraries serve.

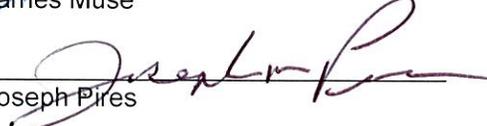
In closing, this School Committee will continue to govern the schools' libraries by fully adhering to the approved policies and procedures that apply to Library Resources.


Michelle Smith, Chairperson

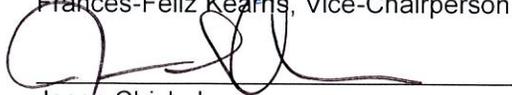

Rosemary Bowman

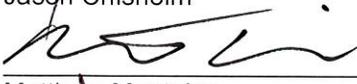

Margaret McSweeney

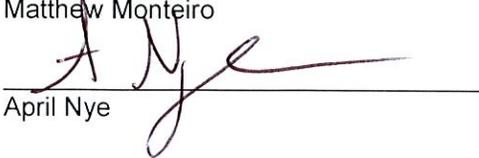

James Muse


Joseph Pires


Frances-Feliz Kearns, Vice-Chairperson


Jason Chisholm


Matthew Monteiro


April Nye

Approved by the Old Rochester Regional School District School Committee on February 6, 2023 with a vote of eight (8) in favor and one (1) abstention.