



District Review Committee Report

Dear Complainant, D5 Superintendent, and D5 Board of Trustees,

Per D5 Board Policy KEC and AR KEC-R, the District Review Committee report, reflecting the majority opinion, is outlined below.

Throughout the process, the District Review Committee kept in mind the instructions to the evaluating committee which are as follows:

The board directs the evaluating committees to bear in mind the principles of the freedom to learn and to read. The committees must base their decisions on these principles rather than on defense of individual materials. Freedom of inquiry is vital to education in a democracy.

The committee should study all materials thoroughly and read available reviews. The committee should check the general acceptance of the materials by consulting standard evaluation aids and local holdings in other schools. The District Review Committee did not pull passages or parts out of context and weighed the values and faults against each other. The District Review committee based its opinions on the material as a whole.

Committee Member School or Community Representation:

BES, CES, DFES, HWES, IES, LMES, LES, OPES, DO

A list of committee members and their positions First & Last Name, position:

Carol Lunsford (District Supervisor of Library Media Services), Rachel DiMaria (Lead Elementary Librarian), Randy Norman (Principal), Jennifer Metts (Teacher), Erin Kay (PTO), Emily Gibbs (PTO), Madelyn Bowers (SIC), Lenny Sanchez (SIC), and Christina Smith-Galloway (SIC)

Title of the Book Being Challenged & Author:

Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy

A statement ensuring that each committee member read the material in its entirety:

Each member of the committee has read the book Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy in its entirety.

A list of review source(s) consulted:

SC DISCUS, South Carolina State Standards (ELA & SS), Teaching Books, Horn Book, Book List, Common Sense Media, Kirkus, Publishers Embrace Diverse Voices, Diversebooks.org, ALSC Notable Children's Book, NCTE 2021 Notable Poetry Book, 2021 Notable SS Trade Book of NCSS/CBC, New York Public Library Best Book of 2020, Washington Post Best Book of 2020, Horn Book Fanfare Best Book of the Year 2020, 2020 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Honoree, SCASL South Carolina Picture Book Award 2022-2023, Martin Luther King Speech, TitleWave, Booklist, American Association of School Librarians, Kids Book a Day, Great Books for Kids, Shelf Awareness, Washington Post, Red Tricycle, Harlem by Langston Hughes, American Librarian Association, Encyclopedia Britannica, American Library Association Principals of Freedom to Learn and Read, and EBSCO Data Base

A statement of majority opinion:

The committee has come to a consensus regarding the book Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy.

The committee's final decision:

The committee has deemed the book Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy to be acceptable and appropriate.

Committee Member Signatures:

<u>Carol Lunsford</u>	<u>Lenny Lanchy</u>	<u>egqjmas</u>
<u>RM</u>	<u>Christina Smith-Galloway</u>	<u>egmifwmetto</u>
<u>Mel Gibson</u>	<u>Erin Pranner Kay</u>	<u>Rachel W. Martin</u>