SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The Board of Education supports the School Library Bill of Rights, as drawn by the American Library Association, which asserts that the responsibility of the school library is:

1. to provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served;

2. to provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;

3. to provide a background of information which will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;

4. to provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that the young citizens may develop, under guidance, the practice of critical reading and thinking;

5. to provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage; and

6. to place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

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