From: Kathleen Harper <[redacted]>
Subject:
To: Kathleen Harper <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: July 26, 2023 7:23 PM (UTC-04:00)
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THANKS!

Dear Ms Harper,

Thanks for opening my eyes in regards to how little we can trust educators in our schools. [redacted] to be educated, not indoctrinated. You're a highly qualified educator and it's very disappointing [redacted] That is not your job. Had you exercised an ounce of integrity, you would have been given the chance to apologize. You failed. Your efforts have fueled me to help eliminate those experiences in schools & to change local policy and laws →

THANKS!

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regarding integrity in education. So much so, I'm considering a run for public office to rid schools of obtuse educators like you. Your discussion was not a random discussion. It was calculated. You raised the same conversation in the [redacted] [redacted] Your behavior will never be forgotten.

David Cook

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From: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: URGENT CBS 60 MINUTES REQUEST
To: michelle.karim@cbsnews.com <michelle.karim@cbsnews.com>
Cc: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: February 28, 2024 9:27 AM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: Rodriguez head shot.jpg, Rodriguez slider 1.JPG

Good morning-

Please see attached. I was not here when these were taken, however it's my understanding that we own these photos. I will find out the context of the second one.

All the best,
Candace

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From: Karim, Michelle <michelle.karim@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:32 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: URGENT CBS 60 MINUTES REQUEST
Importance: High

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Hi Ms. Bruder,

I'm Michelle with CBS News 60 Minutes in New York. I'm working with Henry Schuster and Sarah Turcotte on the 97 Books story.
We are very interested in any recent photos of Beaufort County School Superintendent Frank Rodriguez. Here's an example of a photo we are interested in: https://fox28savannah.com/news/local/beaufort-board-of-education-selects-veteran-administrator-as-new-superintendent

Beaufort Board of Education selects veteran administrator as new superintendent

The Beaufort Board of Education voted for a new superintendent Tuesday night. The man selected: a

26-year veteran school administrator. Board members say Frank Rodriguez will serve as the district's next

fox28savannah.com

Can you send us Hi-Res copies of images of School Superintendent Frank Rodriguez and send us captions of the photos along with the licensing terms and rates ?

We are on a tight deadline so if you could get back to us by tomorrow at 10 AM ET, that would be great.

Thank you,
Best,

Michelle Karim
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From: Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: remarks 8.1.23
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: July 29, 2023 12:50 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: remarks 8.1.23.docx

Kathleen Harper Public comment remarks 8/1/23

My name is Kathleen Harper and I'm the literacy coach at Hilton Head Middle School.

A parent, whom you are acquainted with, began targeting me in January 2023. I was assisting in an [redacted] where the kids were researching types of modern-day slavery and creating multimedia presentations.

I shared a text that contains first-person accounts from victims of various forms of modern-day slavery. Let me read the excerpt that the parent objects to.

I was out grazing the cows one day when my father said it was time to get married. He said I was getting older and there was a man interested in me. Then, two weeks later, the elders and circumcisers were called and a big celebration planned. I was woken early the next morning and taken outside to be circumcised.

A student asked, what's is that, and I said it is a barbaric practice that still occurs in some African villages. That's it. No discussion, no description. It was a minor detail in a long text.

The parent began emailing me and demanding a meeting. I was told not to respond, and he was told not to contact me – remember this was just a short time after Ms.Burleson, was put on administrative leave "for her safety".

When the parent could not provoke me into a response via email, he turned to social media and public comment time here. Here are some of the lies and threats.

Mrs. Harper described genital mutilation in graphic detail and is in violation of the law.

Mrs. Harper was verbally, sexually abusive [redacted]

It's in her best interest to be at this meeting.

Nothing could say "I'm a groomer" more than this teacher, Ms. Harper

Dead Pedophiles Don't Re-Offend.

You're behavior will never be forgotten.

On May 31st, this parent delivered a thank you card to my school campus repeating the same lies and threats. I filed my first police report that afternoon.

The next day, Beaufort's director of security, was on campus when I arrived and told me that the parent was going to be issued a no trespass and that he was going to remain on campus because they were concerned about the parent's response. He suggested I not come on campus after dark and to watch my surroundings in public.

Five days later I received a call and was told that the no trespass would not be issued until I am back on campus in August.

I walked into my first classroom 42 years ago. I have never experienced harassment and intimidation such as this.

I have three children and four grandchildren whom I love dearly. To them I am Yia Yia and their eyes light up when they see me. When I run into former students, their eyes light up too.

Last December I ran into one of our rising seniors and she asked if I remembered her presentation on child labor on cocoa farms and said that I had told her she did a really good job, and that she should consider doing more public speaking. And even more significant, she said that she's continuing that research on forced child labor for one of her high school projects.

This is why we deserve protection. This is why you must do everything in your power to stop the extremists and their efforts to censor books and speech. Teachers impact lives, not just with happy, positive stories, but with authentic learning about real world challenges. The very project this parent objects to is the one my former student remembered.

Just two weeks ago, this parent wrote, That woman Harper needed to keep her mouth shut and I'd leave her alone. FAFO!

Do you know what that means?

Thank you in advance for having our backs as we begin the new school year. Enough is enough.

From: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Fwd: Library Materials Review Committee decisions
To: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: November 9, 2023 8:29 AM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Reports #86-92.pdf

As per your request.

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From: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 7:20 PM
Subject: Library Materials Review Committee decisions

This communication is to inform you of the results of the Nov. 8, 2023 library materials reconsideration meeting. Please see the attached Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Reports (86-92). The complainants have seven (7) business days from receipt of this communication to formally request an appeal in writing to the BCSD Board of Education.

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Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #86

Book title:	*Boy Girl Boy*
Author:	Ron Koertge
Date of distribution of materials:	10/19/23 - 10/27/23
Date of review window:	10/19/23 - 11/8/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/8/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/8/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #87

Book title:	*Flamer*
Author:	Mike Curato
Date of distribution of materials:	10/19/23 - 10/27/23
Date of review window:	10/19/23 - 11/8/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/8/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation for grades 9-12 only
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/8/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #88

Book title:	*Grit*
Author:	Gillian French
Date of distribution of materials:	10/19/23 - 10/27/23
Date of review window:	10/19/23 - 11/8/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/8/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation for grades 9-12 only
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/8/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #89

Book title:	*Lucky*
Author:	Alice Sebold
Date of distribution of materials:	10/19/23 - 10/27/23
Date of review window:	10/19/23 - 11/8/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/8/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation for grades 9-12 only
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/8/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #90

Book title:	*Scars*
Author:	Cheryl Rainfield

Date of distribution of materials:	10/19/23 - 10/27/23
Date of review window:	10/19/23 - 11/8/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/8/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation for grades 6-12 only
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/8/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #91

Book title:	*Shine*
Author:	Lauren Myracle
Date of distribution of materials:	10/19/23 - 10/27/23
Date of review window:	10/19/23 - 11/8/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/8/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation for grades 6-12 only
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/8/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #92

Book title:	*The Carnival at Bray*
Author:	Jessie Ann Foley
Date of distribution of materials:	10/19/23 - 10/27/23
Date of review window:	10/19/23 - 11/8/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/8/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation for grades 9-12 only
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/8/23

From: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Library Materials Review Committee decisions
To:
Sent: November 29, 2023 7:08 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Reports #93-98.pdf

This communication is to officially inform you of the results of the November 29, 2023 library materials reconsideration meeting. Please see the attached Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Reports (93-98).

The complainants will have seven (7) business days from receipt of this communication to formally request an appeal in writing.

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Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #93

Book title:	*Beautiful*
Author:	Amy Reed
Date of distribution of materials:	11/13/23 - 11/17/23
Date of review window:	11/13/23 - 11/29/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/29/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Remove the challenged material in its entirety
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/29/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #94

Book title:	*grl2grl*
Author:	Julie Anne Peters
Date of distribution of materials:	11/13/23 - 11/17/23
Date of review window:	11/13/23 - 11/29/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/29/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/29/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #95

Book title:	*Layla*
Author:	Colleen Hoover
Date of distribution of materials:	11/13/23 - 11/17/23
Date of review window:	11/13/23 - 11/29/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/29/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/29/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #96

Book title:	*The Infinite Moment of Us*
Author:	Lauren Myracle
Date of distribution of materials:	11/13/23 - 11/17/23
Date of review window:	11/13/23 - 11/29/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/29/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation for grades 9-12 only
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/29/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #97

Book title:	*YOLO*
Author:	Lauren Myracle
Date of distribution of materials:	11/13/23 - 11/17/23
Date of review window:	11/13/23 - 11/29/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/29/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/29/23

Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Report #98

Book title:	*A Lesson in Vengeance* (Second Review)
Author:	Victoria Lee
Date of distribution of materials:	11/13/23 - 11/17/23
Date of review window:	11/13/23 - 11/29/23
Date of the committee meeting:	11/29/23
Result of deliberation/vote:	Return to library circulation for grades 9-12 only
Date of notification of the complainant:	11/29/23

From: candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: From 60 Minutes/Fact-checking questions
To: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Cc: TurcotteS@cbsnews.com <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: September 8, 2023 10:57 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: CFC-LearningAcceleration.pdf

Good morning,

The decision to temporarily pull the books for review was made on October 19, 2022.

The second paragraph in the attached article has recent demographic data that is responsive to your request.

Regards,
Candace

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Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 8:57 AM
To: Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: From 60 Minutes/Fact-checking questions

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Candace,
Good morning. As we put together our 60 MINUTES story we will be sending some fact-check questions so let me start with a couple, if you don't mind:

1. What was the date that Superintendent Rodriguez issued the order to pull the 97 books from school library shelves?
2. What is the student population of the Beaufort County School system? And do you have a demographic breakdown?

OK, the second question was really two questions, and here's another clarification – in terms off demographics, can we get not just ethnicity but also the percentage of students qualifying for school meals?
That should get us started. If there are links you can point us to for each of these questions, so much the better.
Regards,
Henry

Henry Schuster 60 Minutes Producer
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Beaufort County School District Superintendent Frank Rodriguez speaks with students at an extended learning site.

"We All Want the Same Thing"
Community Partnerships for Learning in Beaufort County

In 2019, when Frank Rodriguez began his job as superintendent of Beaufort County School District in South Carolina's lowcountry, there were segments of the community where people said they felt disconnected from the school system.

"We have 21,000 students, with tremendous diversity here. A lot of people think of Hilton Head, in the far southeastern part of our county, and they think of affluence and wealth. And there are pockets of affluence and wealth, but 54 percent of the students we serve are students in poverty; about 35 percent of our students are Hispanic; about 28 percent are African American; and about 20 percent of the students we serve are multilingual learners."

Rodriguez was concerned about long-standing opportunity gaps and academic outcomes that differed by geographic location. He found, however, that people in neighborhoods across the district—like James E. Moore, the pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Seabrook—were eager to work with him.

"I've always believed that you might be poor where finances are concerned, but we don't have to be poor where intelligence and education are concerned," said Pastor Moore. "We must realize there is a difference. We have different needs than some other communities, and we have to work on those and be intentional about the decisions we make. There is not a one-fits-all approach. It is a blessing that the superintendent recognizes that and will work toward actually doing whatever is necessary for our kids."

Rodriguez says the district's close collaboration with ecumenical partners has been very important, particularly after pandemic disruptions caused some students to fall behind in their learning.



A retired teacher works with students at an extended learning site at Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

"Our partners said: *We want to be part of this academic recovery.* I think it really helped people see and understand that the school district is committed to these neighborhood relationships that benefit our students, especially in those parts of our community that previously felt disconnected."

A major element of Beaufort County's recovery work is a formal partnership in which the district established extended learning sites at area churches, including Mount Carmel, and other community organizations. Research indicates that increased learning time—whether in the form of a longer school day or year—can positively impact student achievement. In Beaufort County, roughly 25 to 50 students participate in the learning program at each site four days a week. Students arrive after school and get to play and have free time for 30 to 45 minutes and then go to their classrooms, where they receive support from a trained educator. The district provides transportation from schools to the sites, and from the sites to students' homes at 6 p.m.

"We hire retired educators, and even some of our own educators who want to work additional time," Rodriguez said. "We train them and look very closely at what our data is telling us about student needs in reading and math, and then we provide that information about what the general and collective needs are to the individual sites, so they can plan and be purposeful about the work that takes place through the program. That's really important because if it's a comprehension-related issue, if it's a vocabulary related issue, we can work on those things through these sites. The other advantage, too, is that children get to do any homework they have while they are here, while they are getting individualized support from an educator."

The district recruits and pays staff and organizes all aspects of the learning program, and the churches provide the space and manage the other components.

"We have a site director—our associate pastor—and he coordinates the food for snacks and the volunteers," Pastor Moore said. "The volunteers serve the food, so the teachers are not pulled out of the classroom when they are working with the children, because we know that is where learning actually takes place. It is indeed a team effort."

Early indications show the partnerships are accelerating student learning. Beaufort County surpassed pre-pandemic results in ELA on the 2022 state assessment, with children earning the highest ELA scores in the district's history. In addition, the district projects—based on its analysis of spring 2023 state tests—that there will be significant gains when the official results are released.

"Our projected data right now are showing us double-digit gains in literacy for many of our schools that are

serviced by these extended learning sites," Rodriguez said. "We are seeing 12, 15—in one case, 20—percentage-point gains in proficiency. That is the projection that we are seeing from one year to the next. In math, we were heavily affected by the pandemic, but we are seeing gains in that area as well, with some schools showing 19 and 20 percentage-point increases in proficiency. I knew the learning sites would have an impact. I knew they would have a positive impact—but these types of gains exceed my expectations."

More than just numbers, Pastor Moore knows what the data represent.

"It is the realization of a dream," he said. "I believe that the intelligence of people is not limited by their environment but their opportunities. So when we see children making these kinds of gains, it reinforces my belief that our children are as smart as any group of children, anywhere. What we have to do is put them in the right environment. We have to use every tool we possibly can to ensure they reach their destiny.

"We are blessed to have a school system that I believe has the potential to help make this community one of the premier learning environments in South Carolina and in America. The superintendent partnering with us on an afterschool program that is in our community—I believe this will transform the community and the learning process."

Beaufort County used federal Covid relief aid to cover the $32,000 per site that it costs to operate the program and has a waiting list of students who want to sign up. Given the initiative's early success, the district is now looking for new sources of funding to sustain and expand the extended learning partnerships and serve more students after the federal support runs out.

"If you're open to connecting with your partners in the community, you can have tremendous success," Rodriguez said. "You bring something to the table as a school district. Others bring something to the table—as parents, community members, retired educators—that they want to contribute. We all want the same thing: We all want to improve outcomes for children and help them reach their highest potential."

Pastor Moore agreed. "This is personal for me," he said. "I get emotional, really. I am a former Marine. Marines don't cry, they tell you. I say to you, that's not true. Whatever is closest to our heart moves us. I am absolutely delighted that we are making the gains. I realize, though, that this is a beginning. We have to keep our fingers on the pulse, and we must do that continually. These changes have happened because the superintendent's finger is on the pulse, and he really does listen well. We are investing in our children. With this program, we are investing in their future."

To learn more about extended learning sites in Beaufort County School District, see the Chiefs for Change video here.

From: Kathleen <[redacted]>
Subject: Fwd: FB Posts
To: Kathleen Harper <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: July 20, 2023 9:09 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Harper <[redacted]>
Date: July 19, 2023 at 7:49:15 PM EDT
To: Kathleen Harper <[redacted]>
Subject: FB Posts

ran out of ink


6:26
Search
Dawn Lucas Pemberton
Posts
Reels
Dawn Lucas Pemberton
1d
He's not going to stop until a teacher gets hurt.
Mark my words.
David Louis Cook
David Louis Cook
IF YOU TELL ANYONE...
14
14 comments


6:24
Search
Dawn Lucas Pemberton
Posts
Reels
Dawn Lucas Pemberton
3h
More threats... just five minutes ago
David Louis Cook
Dawn Lucas Pemberton
Ask that stupid teacher what I did to make people so upset and anxious. All I did was ask her to meet with us and she ran away and hid from us.
To violated her contract and district policy.
Harper needs to go, and I'll show her the door.
6
2 comments
Like
Share


7:19
David Louis Cook
David Louis Cook
43m ·
Nothing could say "I'm a groomer" more than this teacher, Ms Harper, making a comment and bashing me after she decided to talk about genital mutilation to 2 classes of 13 and 14 year olds in ELA. The coward wouldn't even meet in person to discuss what happened, then she [redacted] threw out the "white privilege" assignments before giving them back to kids and continued to dodge every communication sent to her since March.
Well, there's only 2 things left to do for her. 1 to have her certification revoked and 2 invite her to participate in civil discourse in front of a judge.
You went too far Kathleen. [redacted]
Kathleen McKibben Harper
6:27
27%
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Most relevant
Search
David Louis Cook
15h ·
Donna Heinz
Go get her David, we're behind you.
Mike Doran
Take holy water and the crucifix with you. Spawn of Satan
12h Like 3

David Louis Cook
Mike Doran it's ridiculous this woman claims piety over me. She's the one who went off script. The district did not follow any protocol. This woman violated district policy and violated her contract.

5h Like

Mike Doran
She should be easy to take down, no?

2h Like 1

David Louis Cook
Mike Doran buddy she's going to take herself down. She's getting ready to self implode anyways.

21m Like

David Louis Cook
I think this teacher needs to retire.

[redacted]

Affadavit coming very soon.

5h Like

Kris Ruffner
There truly must be a teacher shortage that the schools feel they need to settle for the bottom of the barrel. Do the teachers enjoy tenure, here? We really need to start getting more involved in seeing who and what our teachers are instilling in our children's heads. Thanks for holding the line, thus far, David, and bringing attention to the crisis that's currently going on in our schools.

3h Like

David Louis Cook
Kris Ruffner oh our wonderful School District after telling me they would file the complaint never did.

They did nothing to help my daughter

21m Like 1

Kris Ruffner
David Louis Cook Did you try filing charges directly against the teacher, yourself? You should. Also, I don't believe that teachers 1st Amendment rights apply while teaching inside the classroom. Check out Meriwether v. Trustees of Shawnee State University.

5m Like

David Louis Cook
Kris Ruffner true.
There language is not protected.
Thank you. I'm looking into this now.
That woman Harper needed to keep her mouth shut and I'd leave her alone. Now she's going on the offensive, time to play defense.

15m Like

David Louis Cook
FAFO.
These people are disgusting.

1h Like

From: Kathleen Harper <[redacted]>
Subject:
To: Kathleen Harper <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: September 15, 2023 2:30 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: IMG_2422.jpg, attachment.txt

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Subject: Fwd: Email documentation
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: July 20, 2023 9:10 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: RE Email documentation.eml

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: If you get tired of the Oscars Sunday night.... watch a rerun of Return to Gorongosa
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: March 8, 2024 4:32 PM (UTC-05:00)

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There are two hours of 60 MINUTES Sunday night. My piece from Mozambique is in the 8pm ET hour, just about when you are getting bored with the Oscars.
Please watch it if you can.



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From: Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: K.Harper school board remarks 8.1.23
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: July 31, 2023 1:38 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: K.Harper school board remarks 8.1.23.docx

Kathleen Harper Public comment 8/1/23

My name is Kathleen Harper and I'm the literacy coach at Hilton Head Middle School.

In January of this year, a parent began targeting me. I was assisting in an [redacted] where the kids were researching types of modern-day slavery and creating multimedia presentations.

I shared a text, from a school approved resource, that contains first-person accounts from victims of various forms of modern-day slavery. One of the narratives was by a young Kenyan girl who tells about her forced marriage and being required to undergo circumcision.

A student asked, What's that, and I said, It is a, horrible barbaric practice that still occurs in some African villages. That's it. There was no discussion, and no description. It was a minor detail in a long text about how humans are exploited.

The parent began emailing me, demanding a meeting. I was told not to respond, and he was told not to contact me – remember this was just a short time after Ms. Burleson, was put on leave for her safety.

When the parent could not provoke me into a response via email, he turned to social media and public comments at school board meetings. Here are some of the lies and threats he has written or spoken publicly.

"Mrs. Harper described genital mutilation in graphic detail and is in violation of the law."(end quote)

"Mrs. Harper was verbally, sexually abusive [redacted]

"Nothing could say "I'm a groomer" more than this teacher, Ms. Harper."

"Your behavior will never be forgotten."

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The next day, Beaufort's director of security, was on campus when I arrived and told me that a no trespass order was going to be delivered that day and that he was going to remain on campus because they were concerned about the parent's response. He suggested I not come on campus after dark and to watch my surroundings in public.

Five days later I received a call and was told that the no trespass would not be issued until I am back on campus in August.

(Deep breath)

I walked into my first classroom 42 years ago. Never have I experienced harassment and intimidation such as this.

I have three children and four grandchildren whom I love dearly. To them I am Yia Yia and their eyes light up when they see me. When I run into former students, their eyes light up too.

Last December I was shopping at Coligny and one of my former students was the cashier. She asked if I remembered her presentation on child labor on cocoa farms and said that I had told her she did a really good job. She remembered me saying that she should consider doing more public speaking. And even more significant, she said that she's continuing that research on forced child labor for one of her high school projects.

This is why we deserve protection. **This is why you must do everything in your power to stop efforts to censor free speech and to show educators that you are committed to keeping them safe.**

Teachers impact lives, not just with happy, positive stories, but with authentic learning about real world challenges and atrocities. The very project this parent objects to is the one my former student remembers.

Just two weeks ago, this parent wrote, (quote) "That woman Harper needed to keep her mouth shut and I'd leave her alone. FAFO!"

Do you know what that means? I do, and I'm sure you can imagine how unsafe this makes me feel.

Thank you in advance for having our backs as we begin the new school year. Enough is enough.

From: Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: K.Harper school board remarks 8.1.23
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>; [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: July 29, 2023 2:45 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: K.Harper school board remarks 8.1.23.docx

Kathleen Harper Public comment 8/1/23

My name is Kathleen Harper and I'm the literacy coach at Hilton Head Middle School.

A parent, whom you are acquainted with, began targeting me in January 2023. I was assisting in an [redacted] where the kids were researching types of modern-day slavery and creating multimedia presentations.

I shared a text that contains first-person accounts from victims of various forms of modern-day slavery. One of the stories was told by a young Kenyan girl who tells about being forced into marriage and being required to undergo circumcision.

A student asked, what's is that, and I said it is a barbaric practice that still occurs in some African villages. That's it. No discussion, no description. It was a minor detail in a long text.

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Dead Pedophiles Don't Re-Offend.

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From: Adobe <message@adobe.com>
Subject: Verification code
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Cc: Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: October 30, 2024 2:56 PM (UTC-04:00)

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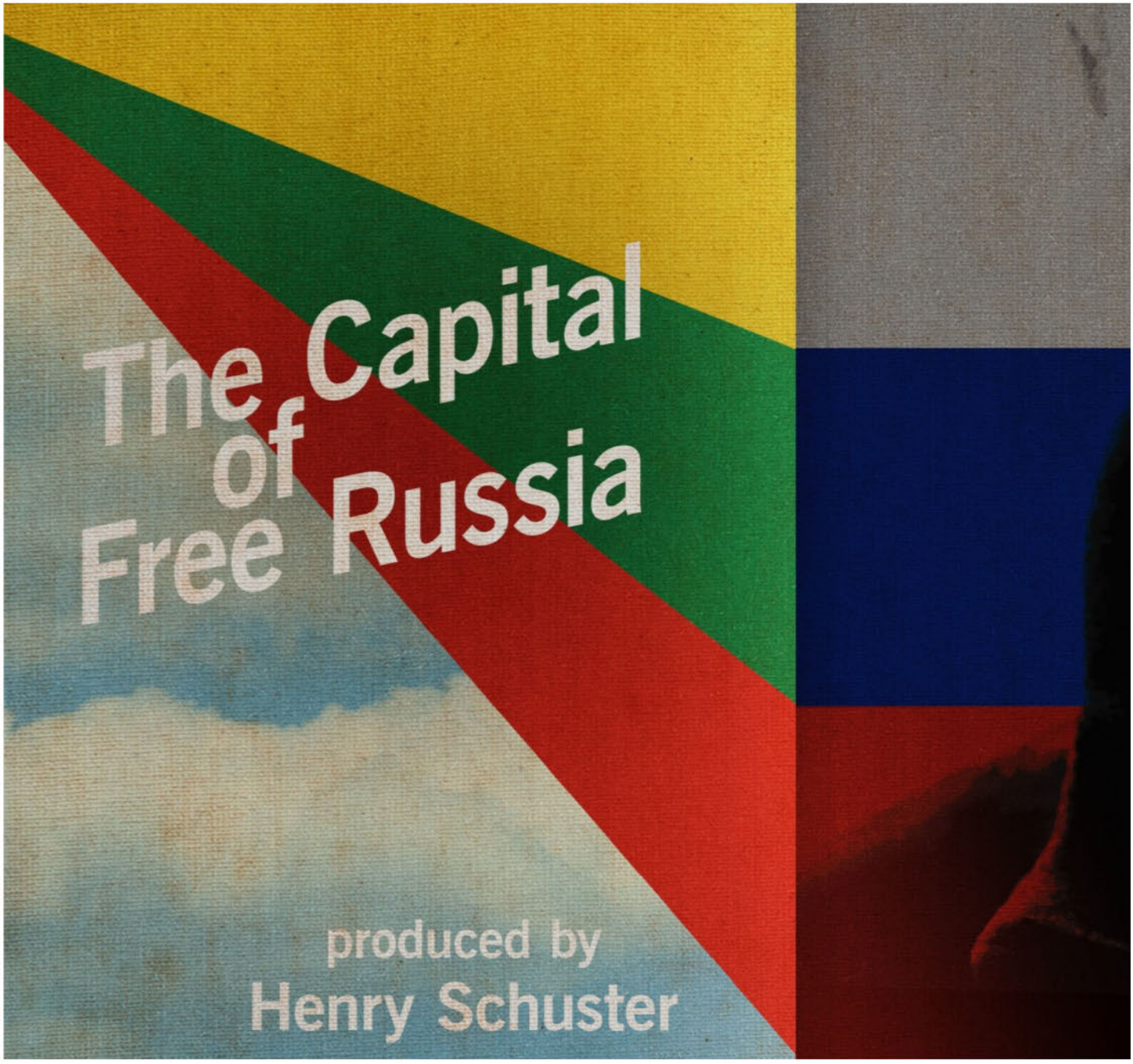
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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Sunday night on 60 Minutes -- a repeat of The Capital of Free Russia
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: June 21, 2024 2:34 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Our story about Russian political exiles forced out by Vladimir Putin airs again on Sunday at 7pm ET/PT on 60 MINUTES. If you have not seen it or want to watch it again, please have a look. It will also be on www.60minutes.com and Paramount +.



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From: Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
To: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; mhs@cbsnews.com <mhs@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; IMCEAEX-_o=ExchangeLabs_ou=Exchange+20Administrative+20Group+20+28FYDIBOHF23SPDLT+29_cn=Recipients_cn=9a2e448f40d6449abf78c78058ec136e-Rowland+2C+20Gi@namprd08.prod.outlook.com </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=9a2e448f40d6449abf78c78058ec136e-Rowland, Gi>
Sent: October 23, 2024 4:46 PM (UTC-04:00)

Dear Mr. Schuster,

Please see the below link to the public documents responsive to your September 9th, 2024, FOIA request. Our IT department performed a search from January 1st, 2023 to September 13th, 2024 which resulted in 6 email exchanges. Information of a personal nature where the public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy has been redacted in compliance with FERPA and South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) SECTION 30-4-40 (4).

All_Emails_Redacted.pdf

Regards,

Molly Godley
Communications Specialist
Molly Godley
Beaufort County School District Office
C: 843-962-4753
O: 843-322-5933
Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

From: Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 5:24 PM
To: 'mhs@cbsnews.com' <mhs@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <gillian.rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Dear Mr. Schuster,

The district is in receipt of your September 9, 2024, FOIA request and will respond within the timeframe allocated by South Carolina law.

Regards,
Candace

Dr. Candace Bruder | Communications Officer
Beaufort County School District | SC
Office: 843-322-2432
Cell: 843-941-9178
Email: candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us
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BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 2:46 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cartledge, Wendy B <wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <gillian.rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <molly.godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Name:	Henry Schuster
Organization (if applicable):	CBS News
Address:	[redacted]
Home Phone Number:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	[redacted]
Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	Please provide copies of SC instructional materials filed through the Uniform Parent Complaint form to the Beaufort County Board of Education since January 1, 2023 and include emails between the complainant and the district regarding the submitted forms.

You can edit this submission and view all your submissions easily.

From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Book banning requests?
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: September 9, 2024 3:13 PM (UTC-04:00)

Filed. Thanks.

Henry Schuster 60 Minutes Producer
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From: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 11:40 AM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Book banning requests?

External Email

Dear Mr. Schuster,

Please submit a FOIA to obtain these public documents: https://www.beaufortschools.net/about-us/public-infofoia-request/foiafoia-requests/foia-online-request-form.

Many thanks,
Candace

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Book banning requests?

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Do you mind sending me the recent requests by Ivie Szalai and the disposition of those requests? Was she the only one to file?

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From: Mastery Connect <noreply@masteryconnect.com>
Subject: Benchmark Assessment Available
To: kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: September 9, 2024 7:57 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Hi Kathleen,

A district benchmark **Gr 6 LA Asst 1 Beaufort SC 2024-2025** has been added to your Tracker(s) below. It will be available for administration from **Monday September 9, 2024, at 6:00 am EDT** to **Thursday September 19, 2024, at 5:00 pm EDT**. Click on a Tracker link to view the benchmark.

24-25 ELA 8 Pd 1 (Harper): 6th Grade Language Arts
24-24 SY | 6th ELA | (Harper test): 6th Grade Language Arts
24-24 SY | 6th ELA | (Harper test2): 6th Grade Language Arts

Contact Robert Flowers if you have any questions!

Thanks,

The Mastery Connect Team



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From: Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: https://publicindex.sccourts.org/Beaufort/PublicIndex/PIImageDisplay.aspx?ctagency=07002&doctype=D&docid=1727353709448-446&HKey=84108112121105851051046511410068789811410982728810712011155517811186741151131077065554710382102761168311756
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: September 26, 2024 9:40 AM (UTC-04:00)

From: Mastery Connect <noreply@masteryconnect.com>
Subject: Benchmark Assessment Available
To: kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: September 9, 2024 8:05 AM (UTC-04:00)

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From: Mastery Connect <noreply@masteryconnect.com>
Subject: Mastery Connect - You Have Been Invited To Collaborate on a Mastery Tracker!
To: kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: August 28, 2024 9:18 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Hi Mrs. Harper,

You have been invited by Mary D'Errico to collaborate on a Mastery Tracker. To view Trackers that have been shared with you, click on the button below.

View Your Shared Trackers

Thanks,

The Mastery Connect Team
support@masteryconnect.com



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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Book banning requests?
To: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: September 9, 2024 10:01 AM (UTC-04:00)

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From: Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: https://yourislandnews.com/banned-together-community-gets-1st-look-at-documentary-about-local-students-fight-for-books/
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: September 25, 2024 3:26 PM (UTC-04:00)

From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: MRHS Social Issues Invitation
To: Geier, Richard P <Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: February 26, 2024 2:59 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Interesting. And I would love to attend, however I may have to roll right on to the next story.

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From: Geier, Richard P <Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Fwd: MRHS Social Issues Invitation

External Email

Henry,

If you want to see how students use banned books in their academic research, attend the May River High School social issues fair on March 07. See below for more information.

Dick

Colonel USA (retired) Richard P Geier
Beaufort County School District 4
Beaufort-Port Royal
843-441-6683

From: Weaver, Alicia S <Alicia.Weaver@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 13:31
To: Geier, Richard P <Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: MRHS Social Issues Invitation

Beaufort County School Board members:

Greetings. On behalf of the **freshman English students and teachers**, I would like to personally invite you to the **semester two social issues gallery walk presentation on Thursday, March 7th, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the MRHS media center. We would greatly appreciate your attendance in support of our students.**

Over 200 students present every 15 minutes during their regularly scheduled English class on this day. Once you RSVP, I will send you an Outlook invite to confirm your attendance. This presentation is the last step in what has been a large part of the English 1 experience. Students have worked for many weeks to complete all components of research and inquiry revolving around

a social issue of their choice. This project allows students to empathize, research, and plan social action. Thank you in advance for carving time out of your busy schedule to attend this event. Someone will greet you at the door to help you navigate the classes you will observe and interact with.

If you have never attended before, please talk to an English 1 teacher or ask an MRHS veteran about this event and why your attendance as an audience member is so vital to the success of this summative project. Here are two videos of past events; this one features current juniors, and this one is a few years older. We look forward to sharing our learning experience with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Available times are in the table below. While students present every 15 minutes, we welcome you to stay for an entire block or several blocks.

Please RSVP your attendance to Alicia Weaver by March 6th.

Block 1 8:45-10:20	**Block 2 10:25-11:55**	**Block 3 12:00-1:30**	**Block 4 2:10-3:45**
Mrs. Smith Ms. Rehfeldt	Mr. Turner Ms. Rehfeldt	Ms. McIntosh ***Students will eat 4th lunch this day**	Mr. Turner Ms. McIntosh Mrs. Weaver

Thanks,
Alicia Weaver

Alicia Weaver

May River High School
English 1 Honors Teacher
AP Literature Teacher
Yearbook Adviser
Director of Student Activities
English Department Chair

"Don't forget to be awesome." – John Green



From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: The original challenge requests
To: 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: September 13, 2023 8:54 AM (UTC-04:00)

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I've looked in my files and the one thing I can't find on your site (OK, maybe it is two things) are the original forms from Ivie Szalai and Mike Covert to the school board asking that the 96/97 books be pulled.
Can you please send those?
Many thanks,
Henry

Henry Schuster 60 Minutes Producer
mobile: +1.404.422.1482

From: Scott Harper <[redacted]>
Subject: W-2
To: Kathleen Harper <[redacted]>; Kathleen Harper <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: March 12, 2024 8:55 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Can you send me yours

From: Harper, Kathleen M <Kathleen.Harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: g
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: July 26, 2023 8:16 PM (UTC-04:00)

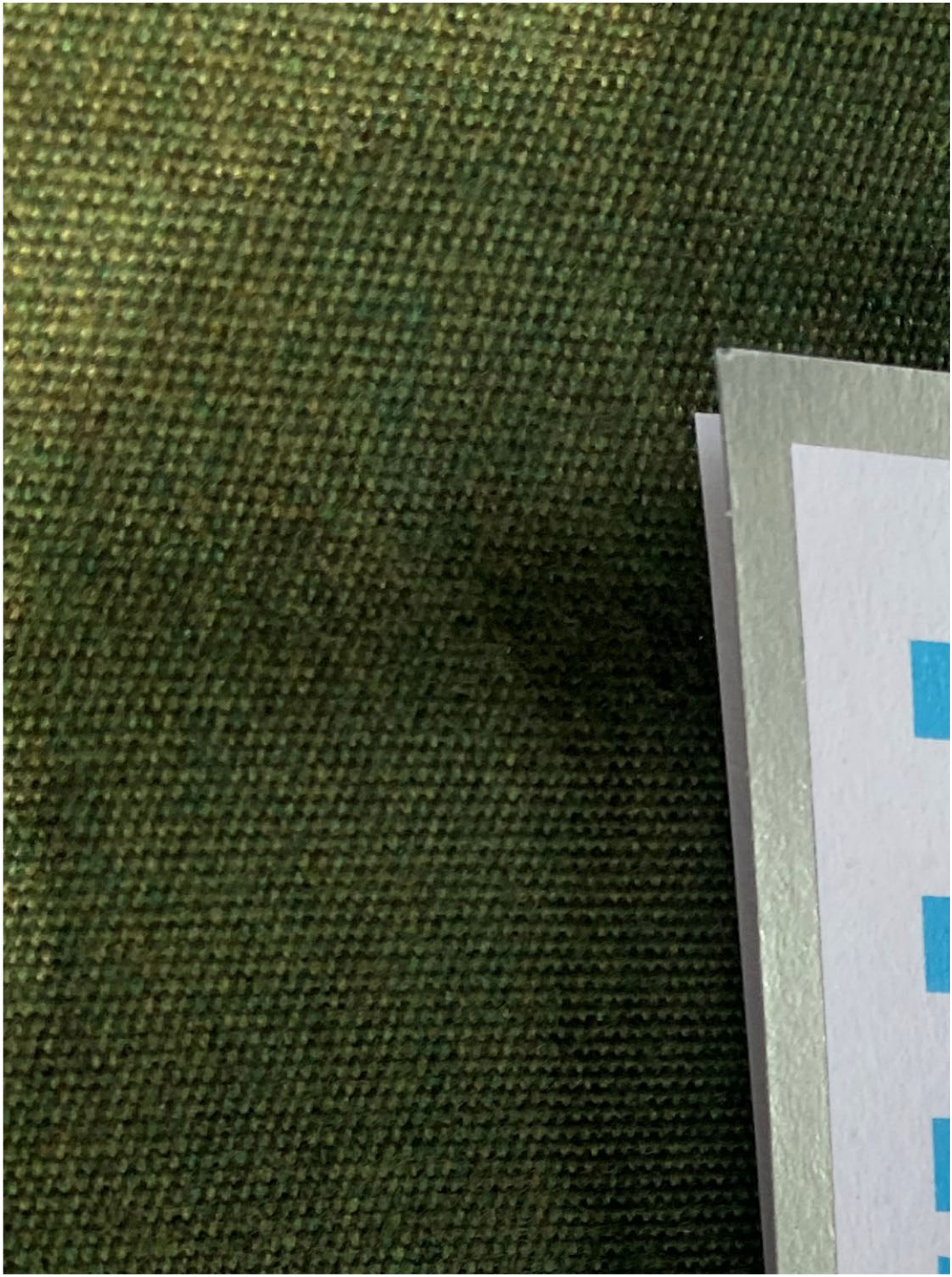
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From: Harper, Kathleen M <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE:
To: Kathleen Harper <[redacted]>
Sent: July 26, 2023 8:13 PM (UTC-04:00)

Kathleen Harper regarding David Louis Cook

From: Kathleen Harper <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 7:23 PM
To: Harper, Kathleen M <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject:

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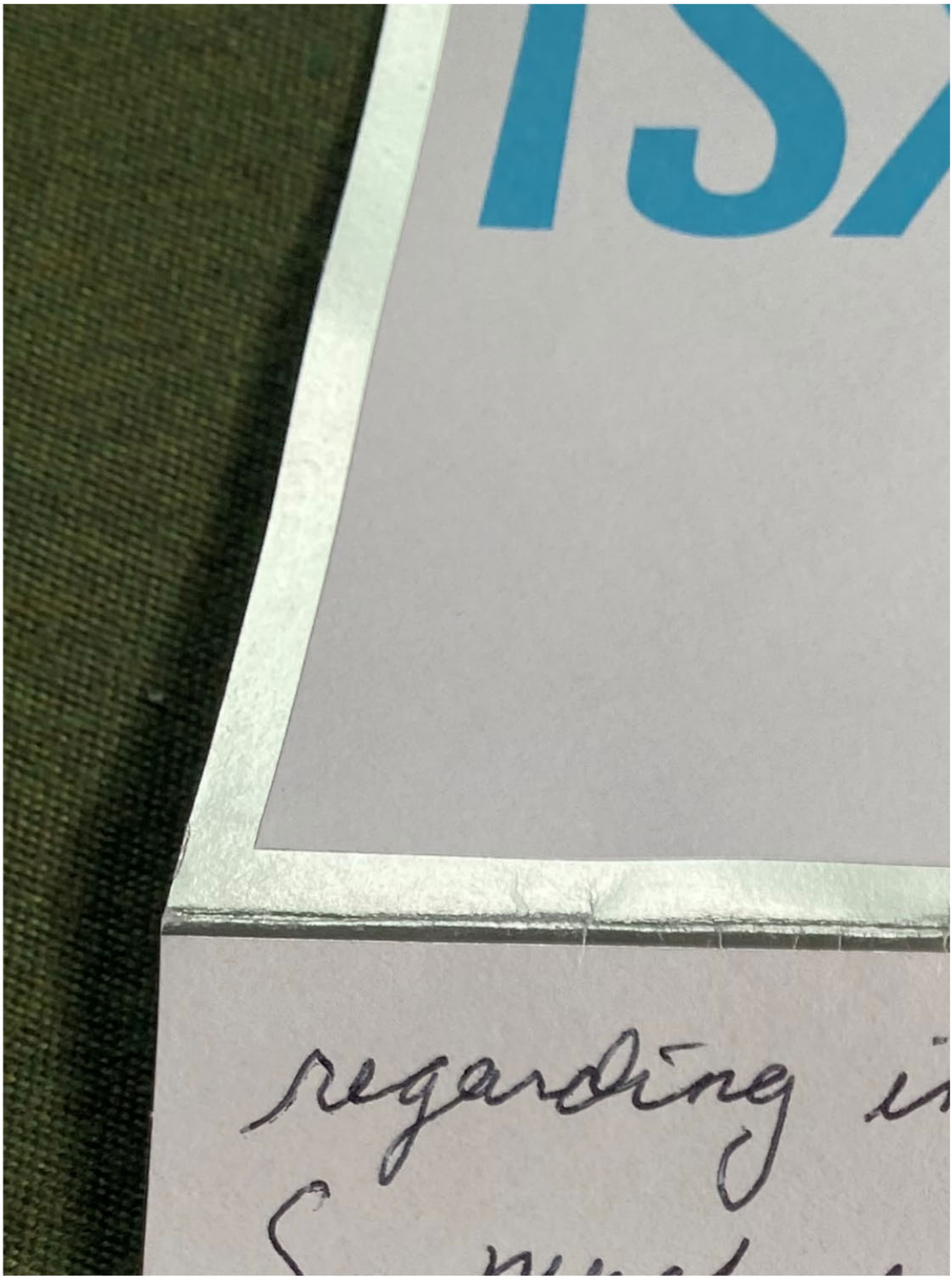
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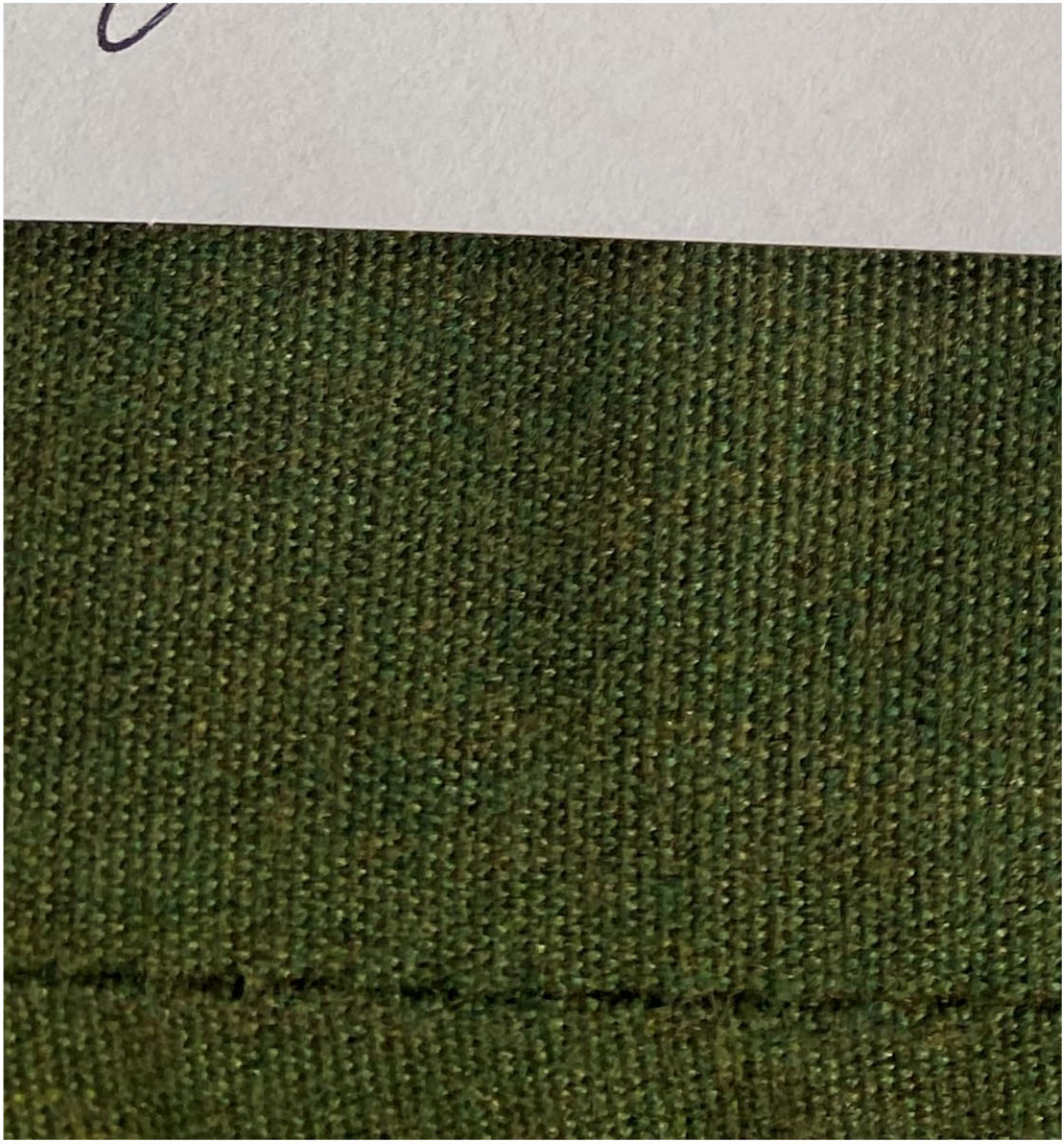
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Sunday night at 60 Minutes -- 97 Books
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: March 1, 2024 2:08 PM (UTC-05:00)

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What happens when a small group of people try to get 97 books banned from a SC school system – and why have so many book bans been attempted nationally?
Please watch our piece Sunday night at 7pm ET/PT and find us at www.60minutes.com

THIS SUNDAY ON
60 MINUTES

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SCOTT PELLEY REPORTS
ON THE BATTLE TO BAN
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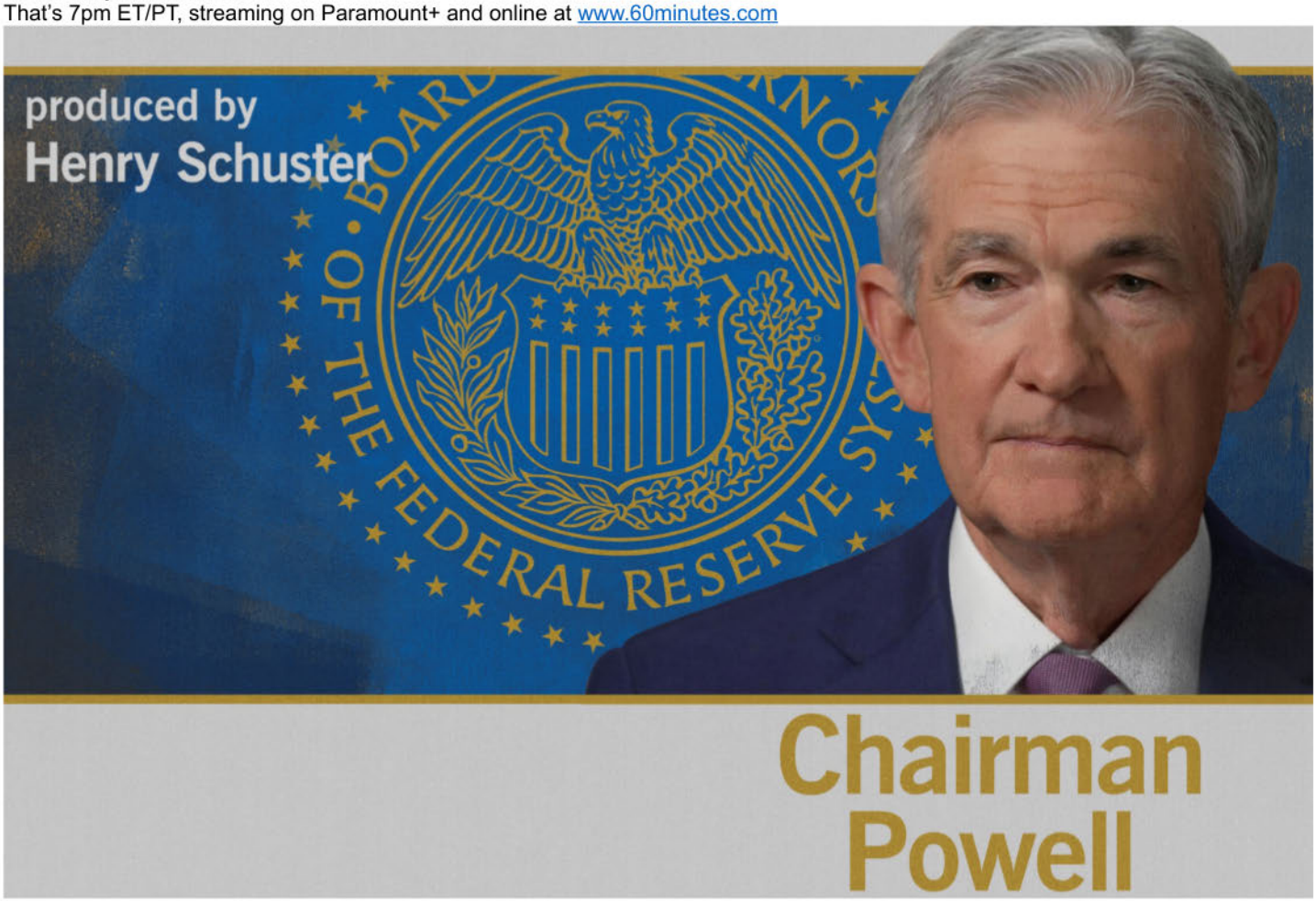


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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Sunday night on 60 Minutes -- An interview with the Fed Chairman
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: February 2, 2024 6:27 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Please watch our broadcast Sunday night. We've got an interview with Fed Chairman Jerome Powell about interest rates, inflation, bank safety and a lot more.
That's 7pm ET/PT, streaming on Paramount+ and online at www.60minutes.com



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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: A couple of fact questions
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, CandaceL <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: January 11, 2024 4:11 PM (UTC-05:00)

Many thanks for these numbers!
Talk to you tomorrow.

Henry Schuster 60 Minutes Producer
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From: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 3:22 PM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>; Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Re: A couple of fact questions

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Candace

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Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:04:30 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: A couple of fact questions

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From: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: URGENT CBS 60 MINUTES REQUEST
To: michelle.karim@cbsnews.com <michelle.karim@cbsnews.com>
Cc: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: February 29, 2024 3:48 PM (UTC-05:00)

Yes, my predecessor just confirmed he shot the photo. Thanks for checking .

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From: Karim, Michelle <michelle.karim@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:24 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Re: URGENT CBS 60 MINUTES REQUEST

Thank you so much, Candace! We will use the second photo.
Just wanted to triple check that this photo belongs to BCSD?

Best,

Michelle Karim
60 Minutes
(C): 917-348-9626

From: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:04 AM
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Cc: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Re: URGENT CBS 60 MINUTES REQUEST

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Hi- Michelle,

Please feel free to edit as need be:

Caption 1: Dr. Frank Rodriguez as he began is his tenure as Beaufort County School District Superintendent on July 1, 2019.

Caption 2: Dr. Frank Rodriguez speaking at a public meet and greet event on April 13, 2019 as one of two finalists for the position of Beaufort County School District Superintendent.

All the best,
Candace

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Thank you so much for these, Candace ! Would love the captions or "date taken" information for these stills.

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fox28savannah.com

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We are on a tight deadline so if you could get back to us by tomorrow at 10 AM ET, that would be great.

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Cc: TurcotteS@cbsnews.com <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: January 11, 2024 3:22 PM (UTC-05:00)

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: We've been preempted Sunday night
To: 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: January 16, 2024 11:44 AM (UTC-05:00)

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Just to let you know that 60 MINUTES won't air this Sunday night because of the NFL playoffs. They announced the schedule of games this morning and CBS has the game that begins at 6:30pm.
I will let you know as soon as I know about the new air date.
As they say in our business, stay tuned.
Regards,
Henry

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Library Materials Review Committee decisions
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: November 9, 2023 8:41 AM (UTC-05:00)

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Two questions:

- By my count, that means there are 6 books left for the final meeting (A LESSON IN VENGENACE; BEAUTIFUL; GRL2GRL; LAYLA; THE INFINITE MOMENT OF US; YOLO). Is this correct?
- Why does it say Return to Library Circulation for BOY GIRL BOY, when all the other results specify either Return to grades 6-12 or grades 9-12?

Many thanks in advance for your answers.

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From: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Fwd: Library Materials Review Committee decisions

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As per your request.

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From: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 7:20 PM
Subject: Library Materials Review Committee decisions

This communication is to inform you of the results of the Nov. 8, 2023 library materials reconsideration meeting. Please see the attached Library Materials Reconsideration Committee Reports (86-92). The complainants have seven (7) business days from receipt of this communication to formally request an appeal in writing to the BCSD Board of Education.

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From: Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: request from 60 Minutes
To: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: December 7, 2023 3:32 PM (UTC-05:00)

Mr. Schuster,

Please see the below links to the information you requested:

- Forever for a Year (voted for removal 8/2/23)
  - **Official Vote By Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1691451240/beaufortk12scus/qojy97xgp37r7ed8mxoy/OfficialVotebyCommittee_68.pdf
  - **Reconsideration Committee Checklist**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1691451268/beaufortk12scus/syartwxapr40tg9weujx/ReconsiderationCommitteeChecklist_68.pdf
  - **Tally of Official Vote by Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1691451335/beaufortk12scus/al77um3bff4nui7tnmfm/TallyofOfficialVotebyCommittee_68.pdf
  - **Committee Members**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1691533591/beaufortk12scus/glebmiuwbradjoiucejf/CommitteesMembersfor62-68.pdf
  - **Background Info**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1691452203/beaufortk12scus/gkgiszcpb7r6jvuljdnt/BackgroundInfoDocumentsfor62-68.pdf

- It Ends With Us (voted for removal 1/19/23)
  - **Official Vote by Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1674771554/beaufortk12scus/ykn0taalsydqjylta6ph/10ItEndsWithUs-OfficialVoteByCommittee.pdf
  - **Reconsideration Committee Checklist**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1674771580/beaufortk12scus/oc0ul9pnmlf0nqlesysd/10ItEndsWithUs-ReconsiderationCommitteeChecklist.pdf
  - **Tally of Official Vote by Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1674771605/beaufortk12scus/fhzavbx0fay2sryiq4oi/10ItEndsWithUs-TallyofOfficialVoteByCommittee.pdf
  - **Background Info**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1674772704/beaufortk12scus/esjm6x9a658twegf2fck/10-ItEndsWithUsbyHooverColleenBackgroundInformationforReviewCommittee.pdf
  - **Committee Members**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1673302951/beaufortk12scus/ngj8xao3cpjyunzpvltj/Committees7-10.pdf

- Nineteen Minutes (voted for removal 2/16/23)
  - **Official Vote by Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1677274253/beaufortk12scus/jbjpmqwcuvwegqcpszdh/21OfficalVoteByCommittee.pdf
  - **Reconsideration Committee Checklist**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1677274290/beaufortk12scus/p5qfqchvswawewyijj3v/21ReconsiderationCommitteeChecklist.pdf
  - **Tally of Official Vote by Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1677274314/beaufortk12scus/kn65qld2zl95jqp3xc0e/21TallyOfOfficalVoteByCommittee.pdf
  - **Background Info**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1677274376/beaufortk12scus/dkylx1ymjevj6azwcsqc/21-NineteenMinutesbyPicoultJodiBackgroundInformationforReviewCommittee.pdf
  - **Committee Members**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1677279202/beaufortk12scus/mr3kziamzelc7mewtglr/Committ

ees17-26.pdf

- The Haters (voted for removal 3/15/23)
  - **Official Vote By Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1691535186/beaufortk12scus/jrgkojl42ycwvykwqsfu/30OfficialVotebyCommittee.pdf
  - **Reconsideration Committee Checklist**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1691535209/beaufortk12scus/x1l6rn3gp57k12s6jczh/30ReconsiderationCommitteeChecklist.pdf
  - **Tally of Official Vote by Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1691535231/beaufortk12scus/qsuyj1cnsubxk3xr3vps/30TallyofOfficialVotebyCommittee.pdf
  - **Committee Members**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1684161515/beaufortk12scus/ahn9jg6qxznjzbwx6f2m/Committees27-36.pdf

- Beautiful (voted for removal 11/29/23)
  - **Official Vote By Committee**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1701974942/beaufortk12scus/p8zzqsscajb2fae8eezy/93OfficialVotebyCommittee.pdf
  - **Reconsideration Committee Checklist**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1701974951/beaufortk12scus/q9hscsjkbzkmjnvowc5l/93ReconsiderationCommitteeChecklist.pdf
  - **Tally of Official Vote by Committee**
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    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1701974877/beaufortk12scus/yyk8i1a0tvabzikgupwb/93-98CommitteeMembers.pdf
  - **Background Info**
    https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1701975953/beaufortk12scus/g9yrq4wpmmndtdddymfc/BackgroundInfoDocumentsfor93-98.pdf

Regards,

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From: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 11:33 AM
To: Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: request from 60 Minutes

Hi, Molly:

Mr. Schuster has submitted a media request for the library materials review committee documents associated with the following titles:

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If you could please send him the links to these public documents that are accessible on the FOIA response log on our website, that would be greatly appreciated.

With much gratitude,
Candace

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To: Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: September 8, 2023 10:58 AM (UTC-04:00)

Many thanks!

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Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: From 60 Minutes/Fact-checking questions

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Good morning,

The decision to temporarily pull the books for review was made on October 19, 2022.

The second paragraph in the attached article has recent demographic data that is responsive to your request.

Regards,
Candace

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Candace,
Good morning. As we put together our 60 MINUTES story we will be sending some fact-check questions so let me start with a couple, if you don't mind:

1. What was the date that Superintendent Rodriguez issued the order to pull the 97 books from school library shelves?
2. What is the student population of the Beaufort County School system? And do you have a demographic breakdown?

OK, the second question was really two questions, and here's another clarification – in terms off demographics, can we get not just ethnicity but also the percentage of students qualifying for school meals?
That should get us started. If there are links you can point us to for each of these questions, so much the better.
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Subject: RE: Responses to your Questions
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>; Stratos, Mary E <Mary.Stratos@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: October 27, 2023 3:16 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Candace,
Thanks for this.
Some follow-ups:

- Do you have a phone number for Derek?
- Can you please reply to the question about The Kite Runner? Why did a circulation record show it at Beaufort Elementary School and as lost?
- I'm still having trouble getting to 13. I have 14 on my list, including A Lesson in Vengeance. Which of these books was returned and to which grade?

1. A Lesson in Vengeance
2. Beautiful
3. Boy Girl Boy
4. Breathless
5. Flamer
6. Grit
7. Grl2grl
8. Layla
9. Lucky
10. Scars
11. Shine
12. The Carnival at Bray
13. The Infinite Moment of Us
14. YOLO

Thanks again for your help.

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Subject: Responses to your Questions

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Hi, Henry,

Please see the below responses to your questions-

1-There are reports that State Superintendent Ellen Weaver is seeking to change the regulations so her office would have the final say on library books in any school district. Has the Beaufort Board/Supervisor

seen this? Do they have a response? Can she do this unilaterally or does this take legislative approval?

We are aware of this and of course would follow state recommendations/regulations/law should any changes take place. Please reach out to SCDE Communications Director, Derek Phillips, at dphillips@ed.sc.gov regarding your last question. (He is very responsive.)

2- In a recent interview with The Island Packet, Dr. Rodriguez said it was always the plan to take the books off the shelves, then do reconsideration because that was the state policy. This seems to contradict statements by him and others that it was the threats that caused the about-face from the existing local policy, which was to leave books on the shelves while doing reconsideration. So, which is it?

Dr. Rodriguez said that it was his decision to pull the books (in alignment with the SCDE best practices model policy). This was because our system needed the opportunity to focus on the children that we were academically serving in the classroom. So yes, we did remove the books off of the shelves to help mitigate against the continued harassment that was perceived as threatening by our educators and staff. Legal counsel had informed us that we were within our right as a district to remove any instructional or educational materials under review at any time, which aligns with the current model policy that we have been following.

https://ed.sc.gov/state-board/state-board-of-education/feature-boxes/about-state-board/best-practices-model-policy-for-sbe-library-materials-pdf-114kb/

3- During the last reconsideration meeting, LOLITA was voted to return to grades 9-12. Which raises a question – how many of the books already voted on for reconsideration were already only on high school shelves to begin with and how many were also available in middle school?

BY TITLE:

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Kind regards,
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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: From 60 Minutes/Fact-checking questions
To: 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: September 8, 2023 8:57 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Candace,
Good morning. As we put together our 60 MINUTES story we will be sending some fact-check questions so let me start with a couple, if you don't mind:

1. What was the date that Superintendent Rodriguez issued the order to pull the 97 books from school library shelves?
2. What is the student population of the Beaufort County School system? And do you have a demographic breakdown?

OK, the second question was really two questions, and here's another clarification – in terms off demographics, can we get not just ethnicity but also the percentage of students qualifying for school meals?
That should get us started. If there are links you can point us to for each of these questions, so much the better.
Regards,
Henry

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From: candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: The original challenge requests
To: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Cc: TurcotteS@cbsnews.com <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>; Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: September 13, 2023 10:05 AM (UTC-04:00)

Good morning,

Please see the below links related to your request:

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ExplicitBooksComplaint_Redacted.pdf

RedactedResponse_Deckard.pdf

Request2_Redacted.pdf

RedactedResponse_Szalai.pdf

Szalai111822FOIArequest.pdf

Regards,
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Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: The original challenge requests

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I've looked in my files and the one thing I can't find on your site (OK, maybe it is two things) are the original forms from Ivie Szalai and Mike Covert to the school board asking that the 96/97 books be pulled.
Can you please send those?

Many thanks,
Henry

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Questions from 60 Minutes
To: 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: October 26, 2023 2:15 PM (UTC-04:00)

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And please help me out. At the last reconsideration meeting you said that there were 13 books left to review. I'm showing fourteen books so I wonder if I might have missed one:

1. A Lesson in Vengeance
2. Beautiful
3. Boy Girl Boy
4. Breathless
5. Flamer
6. Grit
7. Grl2grl
8. Layla
9. Lucky
10. Scars
11. Shine
12. The Carnival at Bray
13. The Infinite Moment of Us
14. YOLO

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From: Schuster, Henry
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:18 AM
To: 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Questions from 60 Minutes

I should add one more question – were any of the 97 books available in elementary schools?
Thanks,
Henry

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From: Schuster, Henry
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:08 AM
To: 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Questions from 60 Minutes

Candace,
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We would be happy to get on a call with you to go over the answers to these questions. Please give us a couple of good times.
Many thanks,
Henry

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From: Schuster, Henry
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 9:02 AM
To: 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Reconsideration questions

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We thank you in advance for providing this information.

Regards,
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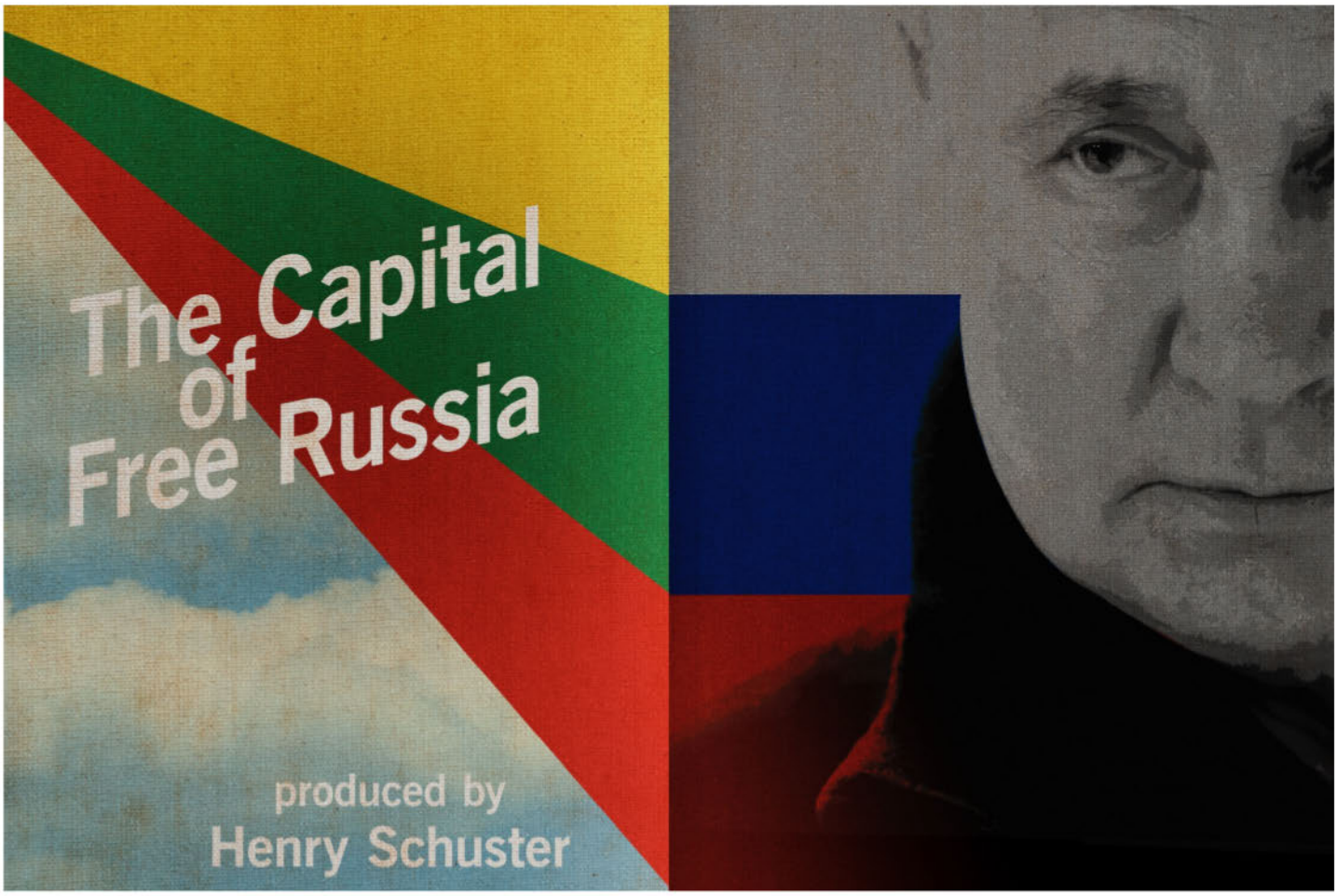
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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Sunday night on 60 Minutes -- The Capital of Free Russia
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: March 15, 2024 12:24 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Sunday is election day in Russia and we go to Vilnius, Lithuania, to meet the people who are working for a free Russia. Please watch Sunday at 7pmET/PT.
You can also watch at www.60minutes.com and on Paramount +.



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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
To: Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland,Gillian C </o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=9a2e448f40d6449abf78c78058ec136e-Rowland, Gi>
Sent: October 23, 2024 5:09 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you.

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From: Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 4:46 PM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <IMCEAEX-_o=ExchangeLabs_ou=Exchange+20Administrative+20Group+20+28FYDIBOHF23SPDLT+29_cn=Recipients_cn=9a2e448f40d6449abf78c78058ec136e-Rowland+2C+20Gi@namprd08.prod.outlook.com>
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External Email

Dear Mr. Schuster,

Please see the below link to the public documents responsive to your September 9th, 2024, FOIA request. Our IT department performed a search from January 1st, 2023 to September 13th, 2024 which resulted in 6 email exchanges. Information of a personal nature where the public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy has been redacted in compliance with FERPA and South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) SECTION 30-4-40 (4).

All_Emails_Redacted.pdf

Regards,

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Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 5:24 PM
To: 'mhs@cbsnews.com' <mhs@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C

<gillian.rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 2:46 PM
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Name:	Henry Schuster
Organization (if applicable):	CBS News
Address:	[redacted]
Home Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	

Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):	Please provide copies of SC instructional materials filed through the Uniform Parent Complaint form to the Beaufort County Board of Education since January 1, 2023 and include emails between the complainant and the district regarding the submitted forms.

You can edit this submission and view all your submissions easily.

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Subject: Responses to your Questions
To: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Cc: turcottes@cbsnews.com <turcottes@cbsnews.com>; Mary.Stratos@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Mary.Stratos@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: October 27, 2023 3:02 PM (UTC-04:00)

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https://ed.sc.gov/state-board/state-board-of-education/feature-boxes/about-state-board/best-practices-model-policy-for-sbe-library-materials-pdf-114kb/

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: New on 60 Minutes -- our podcast about book banning
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: September 20, 2024 10:42 AM (UTC-04:00)

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60 Minutes: A Second Look is our brand-new podcast and one of the premiere episodes is about book banning. Our story earlier this year from Beaufort turns out to be the latest in a series of segments, beginning with a Morley Safer report from West Virginia in 1975. Please have a listen at https://link.chtbl.com/60books or download on Apple, Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts.
Yes, I'm in there towards the end, as we get closer to the present.
And if you like this episode, please subscribe (the other premiere episode is on Taylor Swift) and leave us a rating.
I'd be interested in your comments and will pass then along to our podcast team.
Regards,
Henry

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From: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: Book banning requests?
To: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: September 9, 2024 11:40 AM (UTC-04:00)

Dear Mr. Schuster,

Please submit a FOIA to obtain these public documents: https://www.beaufortschools.net/about-us/public-infofoia-request/foiafoia-requests/foia-online-request-form.

Many thanks,
Candace

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Book banning requests?

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Do you mind sending me the recent requests by Ivie Szalai and the disposition of those requests? Was she the only one to file?

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From: Kathleen <[redacted]>
Subject: Exclusive: South Carolina dad who gave chicken feed to his school board refutes harassment claims, says teachers are trying to indoctrinate his kids - The Lion
To: Kathleen Harper <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: August 24, 2023 5:27 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Sent: September 23, 2024 5:24 PM (UTC-04:00)

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To: Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cartledge, Wendy B <wendy.cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rowland, Gillian C <gillian.rowland@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Godley, Molly D <molly.godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

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Organization (if applicable):	CBS News
Address:	[redacted]

Home Phone Number:	[redacted]
E-mail Address:	
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Subject:
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: July 28, 2023 7:26 AM (UTC-04:00)

K Harper documentation regarding David Cook

From: candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <candace.bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Automatic reply: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
To: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: October 23, 2024 5:09 PM (UTC-04:00)

Good Day-

I will be out of the office thru Monday, October 28, checking email intermittently. Please reach out to Molly Godley (molly.godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us) for any time-senstive media requests.

Kindest regards,

Candace

From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: FW: 60 MINUTES Listings for Sun., March 3
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: February 29, 2024 1:06 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 12:44 PM
To: Pahz, Natalie <PahzN@cbs.com>
Subject: 60 MINUTES Listings for Sun., March 3

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Natalie Pahz

pahzn@cbs.com

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Subject: Automatic reply: Sunday night on 60 Minutes -- a repeat of The Capital of Free Russia
To: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: June 21, 2024 2:35 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Subject: Re: MRHS Social Issues Invitation
To: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: February 26, 2024 3:22 PM (UTC-05:00)

Understand, no rest for the weary!

Colonel USA (retired) Richard P Geier
Beaufort County School District 4
Beaufort-Port Royal
843-441-6683

From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:58:49 PM
To: Geier, Richard P <Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: MRHS Social Issues Invitation

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Interesting. And I would love to attend, however I may have to roll right on to the next story.

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From: Geier, Richard P <Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Fwd: MRHS Social Issues Invitation

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Henry,

If you want to see how students use banned books in their academic research, attend the May River High School social issues fair on March 07. See below for more information.

Dick

Colonel USA (retired) Richard P Geier
Beaufort County School District 4
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843-441-6683

From: Weaver, Alicia S <Alicia.Weaver@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 13:31
To: Geier, Richard P <Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: MRHS Social Issues Invitation

Beaufort County School Board members:

Greetings. On behalf of the **freshman English students and teachers**, I would like to personally invite you to the **semester two social issues gallery walk presentation on Thursday, March 7th, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the MRHS media center. We would greatly appreciate your attendance in support of our students.**

Over 200 students present every 15 minutes during their regularly scheduled English class on this day. Once you RSVP, I will send you an Outlook invite to confirm your attendance. This presentation is the last step in what has been a large part of the English 1 experience. Students have worked for many weeks to complete all components of research and inquiry revolving around a social issue of their choice. This project allows students to empathize, research, and plan social action. Thank you in advance for carving time out of your busy schedule to attend this event. Someone will greet you at the door to help you navigate the classes you will observe and interact with.

If you have never attended before, please talk to an English 1 teacher or ask an MRHS veteran about this event and why your attendance as an audience member is so vital to the success of this summative project. Here are two videos of past events; this one features current juniors, and this one is a few years older. We look forward to sharing our learning experience with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Available times are in the table below. While students present every 15 minutes, we welcome you to stay for an entire block or several blocks.

Please RSVP your attendance to Alicia Weaver by March 6th.

Block 1 8:45-10:20	**Block 2 10:25-11:55**	**Block 3 12:00-1:30**	**Block 4 2:10-3:45**
Mrs. Smith Ms. Rehfeldt	Mr. Turner Ms. Rehfeldt	Ms. McIntosh ***Students will eat 4th lunch this day**	Mr. Turner Ms. McIntosh Mrs. Weaver

Thanks,
Alicia Weaver

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May River High School
English 1 Honors Teacher
AP Literature Teacher
Yearbook Adviser
Director of Student Activities
English Department Chair

"Don't forget to be awesome." – John Green


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From: Kathleen <[redacted]>
Subject: Fwd: From 60 Minutes
To: Kathleen Harper <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: January 22, 2024 6:26 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schuster, Henry" <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Date: January 22, 2024 at 11:35:09 AM EST
To: [redacted]
Subject: From 60 Minutes

Our piece on the 97 books has been delayed by, of all things, football. The NFL playoff schedule is playing havoc with our air dates. We thought the piece would air last night, but we got pre-empted by the Chiefs v. Bills. We still have another round of games, then the Super Bowl, which will likely push our airing back to later in February.
I was wondering if you might be able to help me.
I remember you got all those emails from David Cook and shared one 33-page document with me. But for some reason, I seem to remember there is a more extensive document.
What I am looking for are two things in particular:

- Any emails where David Cook (or others) specifically called you a groomer or a pedophile
- Any emails that other teachers or librarians might have shared with you were they were called a groomer or a pedophile by Cook or others.

We will of course not use the names of any teachers or librarians.
Many thanks,
Henry

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: A couple of fact questions
To: 'candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us' <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: January 10, 2024 6:05 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Candace,
We know that there were 13 reconsideration meetings with 98 panels.
What we don't know are how many people actually participated and out of those how many were parents and community members.
Now I know we have a couple of issues here – that some people participated on multiple panels and some people didn't actually show up on the day of the meetings.
So can you tell us how many people actually showed up for those 98 panels?
And can you tells us how many unique people participated (versus total people)?
Many thanks,
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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: An introduction
To: Tarrance, Bradley A <Bradley.Tarrance@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; [redacted]
Sent: January 11, 2024 8:26 AM (UTC-05:00)

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Jonathan,
Please allow me to introduce Brad Tarrance, the principal of the Robert Smalls Leadership Academy, a public K-8 school here in Beaufort, SC., and Col. Dick Geier, who is the vice chair of the Beaufort County School Board.
As they were showing me around the school, which serves probably the poorest part of our county, I was struck not only by the similarities to your quest with Abaarso. The predecessor school, in the segregation days, was the training ground for Beaufort's Black leaders and the alumni still have strong ties. I told them a bit about how and why you founded Abaarso, in part to replicate the experience your uncle had in Somaliland and your desire to help the educate the future leaders of that country.
Leadership and taking bold chances seem to be something that y'all have in common.
I promised I would connect them to you because they might gain some insights from your experiences and results – starting a school that within a decade had students going to the finest universities in the world and then returning to help their community.
Plus, I think you will hit it off.
I hope this is the beginning of an important dialogue. And as someone who now calls Beaufort home, I'd like to help my community.
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Subject: RSLA connecting
To: mhs@cbsnews.com <mhs@cbsnews.com>
Sent: January 10, 2024 5:02 PM (UTC-05:00)

Hey Henry,
It was a pleasure to connect with you and give you a tour of the Robert Smalls Leadership Academy campus. I know I was on my best behavior while you were at the school (I live my life like John Lewis stated about good trouble)

I would be honored to connect with the gentleman that you discussed in Somalialand. I am always eager to learn new ways to continue to move the real work forward.

Looking forward to connecting again with you,.

One love,

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Re: A couple of fact questions
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Bruder, CandaceL <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: January 12, 2024 8:42 AM (UTC-05:00)

One more fact question— how many library books are in the school system?

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Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 3:22:03 PM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>; Bruder, Candace L <candace.bruder-brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Re: A couple of fact questions

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Hi, Henry-

98 committees were formed to review the 97 challenged titles. (As a reminder, two of these titles were reviewed twice due to a tied vote, and one title was not reviewed as no copies of this book existed in BCSD school libraries.) There were 686 committee member positions for these 98 committees, with the participation rate as follows:

- 508 committee members were present at their assigned committee meeting vote
- 100 committee members picked up their materials packet but were not able to attend the committee meeting vote.
- 75 committee members did not pick up their materials packet and did not attend the committee meeting vote
- 3 committee member slots were not able to be filled due to a lack of available participants

There were 7 different categories of committee members, as shown below:

- 82 unique Community Members served on committees
- 33 unique District-Level Directors or Coordinators served on committees
- 64 unique Parents Representing a School Family served on committees
- 28 unique School Administrators served on committees
- 20 unique School Improvement Council Members served on committees
- 17 unique School Librarians served on committees
- 61 unique Teachers served on committees

Regards,
Candace

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Candace,
We know that there were 13 reconsideration meetings with 98 panels.
What we don't know are how many people actually participated and out of those how many were parents and community members.
Now I know we have a couple of issues here – that some people participated on multiple panels and some people didn't actually show up on the day of the meetings.
So can you tell us how many people actually showed up for those 98 panels?
And can you tells us how many unique people participated (versus total people)?
Many thanks,
Henry

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From: Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Fwd: MRHS Social Issues Invitation
To: mhs@cbsnews.com <mhs@cbsnews.com>
Sent: February 26, 2024 2:51 PM (UTC-05:00)

Henry,

If you want to see how students use banned books in their academic research, attend the May River High School social issues fair on March 07. See below for more information.

Dick

Colonel USA (retired) Richard P Geier
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From: Weaver, Alicia S <Alicia.Weaver@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 13:31
To: Geier, Richard P <Richard.Geier@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: MRHS Social Issues Invitation

Beaufort County School Board members:

Greetings. On behalf of the **freshman English students and teachers**, I would like to personally invite you to the **semester two social issues gallery walk presentation on Thursday, March 7th, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the MRHS media center. We would greatly appreciate your attendance in support of our students.**

Over 200 students present every 15 minutes during their regularly scheduled English class on this day. Once you RSVP, I will send you an Outlook invite to confirm your attendance. This presentation is the last step in what has been a large part of the English 1 experience. Students have worked for many weeks to complete all components of research and inquiry revolving around a social issue of their choice. This project allows students to empathize, research, and plan social action. Thank you in advance for carving time out of your busy schedule to attend this event. Someone will greet you at the door to help you navigate the classes you will observe and interact with.

If you have never attended before, please talk to an English 1 teacher or ask an MRHS veteran about this event and why your attendance as an audience member is so vital to the success of this summative project. Here are two videos of past events; this one features current juniors, and this one is a few years older. We look forward to sharing our learning experience with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Available times are in the table below. While students present every 15 minutes, we welcome you to stay for an entire block or several blocks.

Please RSVP your attendance to Alicia Weaver by March 6th.

Block 1 8:45-10:20	**Block 2 10:25-11:55**	**Block 3 12:00-1:30**	**Block 4 2:10-3:45**

Mrs. Smith Ms. Rehfeldt	Mr. Turner Ms. Rehfeldt	Ms. McIntosh ***Students will eat 4th lunch this day**	Mr. Turner Ms. McIntosh Mrs. Weaver

Thanks,
Alicia Weaver

Alicia Weaver
May River High School
English 1 Honors Teacher
AP Literature Teacher
Yearbook Adviser
Director of Student Activities
English Department Chair

"Don't forget to be awesome." – John Green



From: Kathleen <[redacted]>
Subject: BBC News: Osiris-Rex: Nasa confirms return of asteroid Bennu samples
To: Kathleen Harper <kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: September 26, 2023 5:06 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: September 8, 2023 9:00 AM (UTC-04:00)

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I should add that you should not infer anything about the content off the final segment from our questions. They will seem almost random at times and are part of our reporting/fact-checking process.
Regards,
Henry

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Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: From 60 Minutes/Fact-checking questions

Candace,
Good morning. As we put together our 60 MINUTES story we will be sending some fact-check questions so let me start with a couple, if you don't mind:

1. What was the date that Superintendent Rodriguez issued the order to pull the 97 books from school library shelves?
2. What is the student population of the Beaufort County School system? And do you have a demographic breakdown?

OK, the second question was really two questions, and here's another clarification – in terms off demographics, can we get not just ethnicity but also the percentage of students qualifying for school meals?
That should get us started. If there are links you can point us to for each of these questions, so much the better.
Regards,
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Subject: Re: Library Materials Review Committee decisions
To: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: November 14, 2023 3:10 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks. I'm just wondering about my other question. In Columbia for the state board of education meeting

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From: Bruder, Candace L <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 3:08:48 PM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Library Materials Review Committee decisions

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Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Fwd: Library Materials Review Committee decisions

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As per your request.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 7:20 PM
Subject: Library Materials Review Committee decisions

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From: Schuster, Henry <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: 60 Minutes/two more questions
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Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: October 27, 2023 9:45 AM (UTC-04:00)

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- When a book that was previously only in Grades 9-12 is returned to all shelves, aka Middle and High school, what does that actually mean? Let's say previously there were only two copies of a book and they were both in high school libraries. Does this mean the district will buy more copies? Or does it mean that a middle schooler can now request the book, but it will have to be sent over from a high school library if/when it is available?
- When Ivie Szalai spoke at a November 2022 school board meeting, she talked about books available to elementary and middle school students. But the only library record for any of these books being listed in an elementary school was The Kite Runner – and it showed up as being lost. Did the District ever look into this anomaly? Was that book ever at an elementary school – and who ordered it? Finally, what does that term mean, lost? Several of the books show up as being listed at McCracken MS, but then it says LOST by that.

When today will it be convenient to go through all this?

Regards,
Henry

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Cc: Turcotte, Sarah <TurcotteS@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Questions from 60 Minutes

And please help me out. At the last reconsideration meeting you said that there were 13 books left to review. I'm showing fourteen books so I wonder if I might have missed one:

1. A Lesson in Vengeance
2. Beautiful
3. Boy Girl Boy
4. Breathless
5. Flamer
6. Grit
7. Grl2grl
8. Layla
9. Lucky
10. Scars
11. Shine
12. The Carnival at Bray
13. The Infinite Moment of Us
14. YOLO

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Subject: Reconsideration questions

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Sent: August 24, 2023 5:26 AM (UTC-04:00)

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"On several occasions in the past year, I have had teachers in my son's school and in my daughter's school pull me aside, put their arm around me and say, 'You're doing awesome work, don't stop.' Because not every teacher believes that what's going on is right."

Sent from my iPad

From: Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Candace.Bruder@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: request from 60 Minutes
To: Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us <Molly.Godley@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: MHS@cbsnews.com <MHS@cbsnews.com>
Sent: December 6, 2023 11:33 AM (UTC-05:00)

Hi, Molly:

Mr. Schuster has submitted a media request for the library materials review committee documents associated with the following titles:

- Forever for a Year (voted for removal 8/2/23)
- It Ends With Us (voted for removal 1/19/23)
- Nineteen Minutes (voted for removal 2/16/23)
- The Haters (voted for removal 3/15/23)
- Beautiful (voted for removal 11/29/23)

If you could please send him the links to these public documents that are accessible on the FOIA response log on our website, that would be greatly appreciated.

With much gratitude,
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Subject: people who had so suffered from trauma could make use of that trauma as a source of knowledge and power.
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Sent: October 9, 2023 5:11 AM (UTC-04:00)

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The storytelling we most encourage is that kind that enables the formerly helpless victim to be transformed in the story, to transform himself or herself, collectively transform themselves into life-affirming survivors. That's the key transformation, and that's the story we [listeners] seek to help them achieve.

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Subject: Ongoing threats and harassment

Good morning. My name is Kathleen Harper and I am the literacy coach at Hilton Head Middle. I'm also one of the teachers being targeted by the chicken feed throwing parent.

Here's the short version of this situation. It began in January. I was assisting a long-term sub in an 8th grade language arts classroom; the teacher was on extended leave.
The students were finishing a unit called The March to Freedom. They read many texts about the concepts, and realities, of enslavement and freedom, and as a summative activity the kids were to research types of modern-day slavery and create a multimedia presentation to share with the class. (All SC standards)

I shared a text from Newsela, one of our ELA digital resources. In this article, which consists of first-person accounts from victims of various forms of modern-day slavery, a Kenyan girl tells about being forced into circumcision and marriage at the age of 10. One student asked what female circumcision is, and I said it is a barbaric practice that still occurs in some African villages. That's it. No discussion, no description. It was a minor detail in a long text about how humans are exploited in modern times.

The parent asked for a meeting with me. Dr. Cox let him know that all communications must come through him and that the parent was not to communicate directly with me. This was just a short time after Mardy Burleson, my colleague, was put on administrative leave "for her safety" after this parent gave an interview to Corey Allen Whittington accusing her of felony crimes and outing her minor child, who attends Bluffton High. So from the start I was shielded from this man, and I've been grateful for that.
As expected, the parent has not accepted this restriction and I have gotten many threatening emails and even a thank you card last month. He has said I sexually and verbally abused and harassed his child, both on my work emails, on social media, and during public comment time at school board meetings. He is calling me a groomer and worse.

I have ZERO confidence that Sheriff Tanner will issue the no trespass order when I'm back on campus 8/7. I have been told by Dave Grissom and other district personnel that this man is dangerous and to watch my surroundings in public. I filed my second police report yesterday.

So, I've tried being silent, and it hasn't worked. As much as I loathe the idea of bringing attention to myself, I cannot let him continue to spread lies about me. His friends are now egging him on, and these are extremists who consider me a pedophile and believe "a good pedophile is a dead pedophile".

My intention is to tell my story to Mary Dimitrov. I also received a call from the local 60 minutes producer who wants to talk to me Monday. And I plan to speak at the 8/1 board meeting.
Enough is enough. I've devoted my life to the schoolhouse and have made a positive impact on my students and our community. It is time to take a stand and expose this maniac's lies.

I am happy to receive your feedback and comments. And thank you for your service during these difficult days. I have no desire to make your jobs more difficult, but I cannot in good conscience stand silent any longer.

Kathleen Harper
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