SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUPACA

SERIES 800 SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS CODE: 871

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT INSTRUCTIONAL/LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Board of Education of the School District reserves to itself the final responsibility for all library and instructional materials used and curricula taught in the district schools. The Board recognizes that without a free and vigorous exchange of ideas, learning and teaching cannot take place effectively.

The Board also recognizes that district residents have a right to express concern about the educational programs of their schools. Concerns about particular courses or library or instructional materials shall be stated in writing. Each concern shall be carefully considered, and accorded the courtesy of a prompt, written reply by school personnel. All such replies will be based upon the instructional goals of the district, upon course objectives, and upon the criteria for selection of library and instructional materials.

The instructor whose course or instructional materials has been questioned shall be the first to reply to a complaint. If the complainant is not answered to his/her satisfaction, the complainant shall have the right to appeal through channels established by the district administrator. (See Code 871-R1 and 871-R2) The course or library or instructional materials in question will not be removed or changed in any way during the complaint and appeal process.

Staff members shall attempt to accommodate serious religious or moral objections to particular instructional materials by providing alternate materials whenever possible. However, attempts by parents or students to control what others read and study will be subject to careful scrutiny and question by the school employees and the Board.

The School District shall not discriminate in the selection and evaluation of instructional and library materials on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

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CROSS REFERENCE:

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