

**NATIONAL
COALITION
AGAINST
CENSORSHIP**

**KIDS'
RIGHT
TO READ**

November 15, 2021

Members of the Spotsylvania County School Board
Spotsylvania County Public Schools
8020 River Stone Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Re: Library Book Removals

Dear School Board Members,

The National Coalition Against Censorship is an alliance of national nonprofit groups dedicated to protecting freedom of expression, including the rights of K-12 students, teachers, and staff. We are writing in regard to the District's recent order that "sexually explicit" books be removed from district libraries.

We understand from news reports that the district's legal counsel has advised that the order is unconstitutional and that the Board will be considering a motion to rescind the order at tonight's meeting. We encourage the Board to rescind the order, and to ensure that book challenges are adjudicated in a constitutional manner, that all interested parties' views are heard and considered, and that decisions are made in an objective manner which ensures that the library's holdings serve the needs of all students.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely yours,



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