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**BROWARD**  
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**2024-2025**

## **Coconut Palm Elementary**

Media Center  
Collection Development Plan

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# Executive Summary

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## ***District Strategic Plan 2025***

Broward County Public Schools is the sixth-largest school district in the United States and the second-largest in Florida. The district serves more than 256,021 students at 231 schools and is one of the largest employers in South Florida, with 30,529 team members.

**Vision:** Educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

**Mission:** Educating all students to reach their highest potential.

**Core Values:** Student Focus, Teaching Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

## ***School Mission Statement***

The mission of Coconut Palm Elementary and its stakeholders is to provide the highest quality education for every child in a positive, safe, and nurturing environment where diversity is celebrated.

## ***School Community***

Coconut Palm serves 504 students enrolled in grades K-5. The student population's ethnicity comprises 40.9 % Hispanic and 59.1% Non-Hispanic students. Additionally, we serve a diverse population made up of 38% White, 46.2% Black, .6% Native American, 10.1% Asian, 0% Pacific Islander, and 5% Multicultural students.

The administration includes Principal Juan Alejo and Assistant Principal Nizaliz Coley. Coconut Palm Elementary is proud to offer many unique programs which provide students with opportunities to be active in their school environment. Reading motivators include Reading Across Broward, Accelerated Reader, and iReady. The school is also incorporating STEM activities schoolwide to increase science scores and exposure. Our school offers the 5,000 Role Models mentor program along with the Safe Promise Club led by our school counselor. The school enriches and supports our students and parents during Literacy Week, Multicultural activities, book fairs, and Science and Math Nights. The school offers extracurricular activities for students before and after school. Chorus, Recorder Club, Play Pals, Debate, Student Council, and Library Media Helpers are extracurricular activities that the students can be a part of to be active in their school community. The PTA is very student focused and involved in our school. The PTA works collaboratively with teachers and

administrators to provide opportunities for all students through social activities and fundraisers to provide extra resources.

**Purpose of Collection Development Policy**

Our media center is the heart of our school's community. We aspire to provide an inviting, collaborative, dynamic learning environment with services that support and enhance teaching, literacy, learning and social interaction with peers.

A thorough analysis of the current media center collection at Coconut Palm indicates that the average age of the collection is 2010 and the number of books per student is 16.9. The [American Library Association](#) has established a criteria for highly effective media center that includes a ratio of 10 books available per student in the collection.

Currently, Coconut Palm Elementary exceeds the recommended standards for the number of books per student.

**Library Program**

The library program at Coconut Palm Elementary provides resources that meet a broad range of individual learning styles, abilities, interests, and curriculum needs, including multicultural education. The media center promotes information literacy through quality instruction, empowering students to become effective readers, information users, critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, and lifelong learners. The media center program stimulates and promotes literacy in reading, listening, viewing, and communicating for both pleasure and information. Technology is used to address expanding information needs.

**School Analysis**

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The school analysis provides an overview of the school's enrollment, demographics, and special programs.

**School Enrollment & Demographics Data**

Student Enrollment	Federal Ethnicity (Hispanic)	Federal Ethnicity (Non-Hispanic)
504	40.9%	59.1%
Student Enrollment	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic

## **Federal Race Category**

<b>38.1%</b> White	<b>46.2%</b> Black	<b>.6%</b> Native	<b>10.1%</b> Asian	<b>0%</b> Pacific	<b>5.0%</b> Multicultural
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## **Scope of the Collection**

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The library collection will include books of all genres, representing the achievements of many individuals, from many different cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds. Our collection is being updated with new picture books, nonfiction and fiction books and biographies. Books are chosen to represent many different perspectives and storylines. Emphasis has been placed on updating the easy section and fiction areas. Biographies will be updated to represent modern achievements. Nonfiction and poetry books will be purchased this year and next year to update dated books to appeal to the interests and needs of our readers. Students are encouraged to use the district provided resources on Clever such as PebbleGo, Sora and Gale. Technology has been updated. Our technology area has been upgraded with a class set of new computers. All outdated materials have been weeded and are no longer in use. The goal is to provide a modern, up to date library collection for all students to use.

The district provides online resources to ensure equitable access to information for teaching and learning to improve student performance and achievement. Students and teachers can use Clever or Canvas to access age-appropriate materials that support educational and social-emotional needs through the following online resources: Follett Destiny Online Library Catalog, Gale Online Databases and eBooks, PebbleGo, and National Geographic Kids, Beanstack, and Sora by Overdrive.

School media centers provide access to library media materials that eliminate educational barriers based on gender, race/ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, expression, or other protected group status and that are free of bias, stereotypes, distortions, and prejudices. This includes the ability to obtain information in a variety of formats, electronic as well as print, without fear of censorship or reprisal.

## **Collection Development**

Collection Development is the process of providing quality materials and equipment for the library media center. The goal of collection development is to ensure the collection has information sources in adequate quantity and variety to support student's academic and personal interest needs. The media specialist is charged with leading this process with the input of teachers, students, and parents. Resources are selected according to principles of

intellectual freedom and provide all learners with access to information representing diverse points of view.

## **Selection and Evaluation Criteria (Drawn from BCPS Policy 4120)**

### ***Selection of Materials***

Funded by the state, district, and school, the media collection will contain a wide range of appropriate materials on varying levels of difficulty in various existing and emerging formats. It will focus on materials that address different learning styles and levels.

### ***Responsibility***

The School Board of Broward County is legally responsible for all matters relating to the operation of the Broward County Schools. The responsibility for coordinating the selection of instructional materials for the School Media Center is delegated to the professionally trained media specialist, who consults with the principal, teachers, and students.

**\*In the event there is not a school library media specialist,** the Principal and/or Administrative Designee will assume the responsibility for identifying and selecting an instructional staff member(s) to engage in the selection process to ensure materials support the needs of the school community.

***NOTE:*** Clerical personnel should NOT be responsible for library material collection development and/or resource management and selection of materials.

### ***Criteria for Selection of Print and Non-Print Materials***

1. Materials are selected to support the mission of Coconut Palm Elementary.
2. Materials are selected to enrich and support the curriculum and the educational, emotional, and recreational needs of the users.
3. Materials shall be appropriate for the age, emotional development, ability levels, learning styles, and social development of the students.
4. Materials shall represent differing viewpoints of controversial issues so that users may be motivated to engage in critical analysis of such issues, to explore their own beliefs, attitudes, and behavior, and to make informed choices in their lives.

In keeping with the ***Library Bill of Rights***, materials will be considered based on the following:

- Needs of the curriculum, learning/teaching styles of students, faculty, and staff
- Possible use of material (including small or large group instruction, in-depth study)
- Level of physical, artistic, and literary quality
- Representation of multiple viewpoints
- Treatment of subject and lack of cultural bias
- Accuracy and currency of information

- Scope of coverage
- Support of inquiry and critical thinking skills
- Relationship of the material to the overall collection
- Cost, packaging, and documentation

## ***Selection Tools***

The following professional resources are available to assist the media specialist in the selection process. However, selection is not limited to the use of these tools.

**Follett Titlewave:** Titlewave is a collection development and curriculum support tool for school libraries, librarians, and educators, featuring professionally curated content from Follett library services and support tools that help you find the most relevant materials.

**Mackin:** Mackin uses highly acclaimed review sources (AudioFile, Booklist, Horn Book Magazine, Kirkus Reviews, Library Media Connection, Publishers Weekly, and School Library Journal). It places them in one convenient location to make the best selections for school libraries and students.

**Periodicals:** School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, Booklist, Horn Book, Library Media Connection, Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy, Young Adult Library Services, Knowledge Quest.

**Books:** Children's & YA Book Lists: Best Books, Best Books for Young Adult Readers; Books for You: An Annotated Booklist for Senior High Students; Outstanding Books for the College Bound: Choices for a Generation; and Senior High School Library Catalog.

**Note:** Common Sense Media, Amazon, Goodreads, and Reviews from paid reviewing sources **may be used** in conjunction with professional reviewing sources.

## ***Gifts and Donations***

Any gifted or donated items must meet the same selection criteria as all other materials—the criteria listed in Florida Statute 1006.28 and Broward County School Board Policy 4120.

## ***Collection Maintenance***

Removing materials from a library collection that are no longer educationally appropriate is as an equally important process as selecting new items of high quality. The library media specialist and/or instructional staff should have an ongoing process to evaluate the library media collection and to keep the collection relevant to the changing needs of the curriculum, personal interests, and needs of students. Evaluation of items under consideration for removal from the Library Media Center should be based on criteria related to the educational value of the resources. The removal (weeding) of library materials from the collection is the responsibility of a skilled professional library media specialist.



Weeded items should not be disposed of or discarded at the school site. Weeded items should be boxed and identified as DISCARDED or WITHDRAWN and scheduled for pick up by Procurement and Warehousing Services by completing the enclosed Warehouse Assistance Request Form.

## **Reconsideration of Materials**

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Inquiries regarding the appropriateness of particular library and supplemental instructional materials are a normal part of the process of providing a wide variety of resources for student use.

### ***Opt-Out Form***

Parents may submit their request to limit their student's access to materials in the school or classroom library by submitting a completed Opt-Out Form to the school principal.

### ***Procedures for Objections to Library Materials and Reading Lists*** ***Objection Process***

#### ***Superintendent Review Committee***

1. The School Board shall form a Superintendent Review Committee (SRC) to review objections to library materials. The SRC must have a minimum of five members but may have as many additional members as the Superintendent or his/her designee appoints based on need.
2. Any committees convened for the purpose of resolving an objection by a parent or resident to specific materials must include parents of students who will have access to such material.
3. The membership of the review committee should reflect the broad racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural diversity of Broward County Public Schools as well as individual(s) with noted or reasonable subject matter expertise.

#### ***Phase 1: Complete Objection to Library/Instructional Materials Form***

- a. A parent or resident of Broward County who wishes to object to materials used within the School Board of Broward County Public Schools must complete the "Objection to Library/Instructional Materials Form," located on the school's Library Media website. The objection shall include the following information:
- b. Parent or resident of Broward County must specify the text within the material he/she believes is out of compliance with the requirements of Section 1006.28(2)(a)2.a. or b., Florida Statutes, and the nature of the alleged noncompliance.

## ***Phase 2: Notifications***

- a. Upon receipt of the completed "Objection to Library/Instructional Materials" form, notifications will be sent to the principal where the challenge originates as well as the Innovative Learning Department staff, school board members, and superintendent.
- b. Any item subject to an objection on the basis of sub sub-subparagraph b. (I) or sub-sub-subparagraph b.(II) must be removed within 5 school days of receipt Page 9 of 10 of the objection and remain unavailable to students of that school until the objection is resolved.

## ***Phase 3: Superintendent's Review Committee Review***

- a. The Innovative Learning Department Director shall convene the SRC to review the material.
- b. SRC will utilize an approved review rubric aligned to School Board policies and state statutes approved by the Superintendent.

## ***Phase 4: SRC's Recommendation to the School Board***

- a. A decision will be rendered within ninety (90) days after receipt of the objection.
- b. Committee will submit their recommendation to the School Board of Broward County, the Superintendent, and the parent or resident of Broward County.
  - i. allows the challenged material to maintain its current status;
  - ii. leave the challenged material in the classroom or school media center, but allow students to use alternate materials approved by school personnel who require the use of the disputed items;
  - iii. limit the educational use of the challenged material;
  - iv. transfer the challenged material to a higher-level school (e. g. elementary to a middle school); and/or
  - v. remove the challenged material from the school environment.

## ***Phase 5: Appeal***

- a. If a parent or resident of Broward County disagrees with the determination made by the SRC, he/she may request inclusion on the School Board agenda.
- b. If they disagree with the School Board's decision on the objection to the use of a specific material, a parent or resident of Broward County may request from the Commissioner of Education appointment of a special magistrate who is a member of the Florida Bar in good standing and who has at least 5 years' experience in administrative law to render a recommended decision.

## Collection Analysis

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The information provided in this section gives an overview of the entire library collection. Collection analysis is based on a Titlewave Analysis completed.



**8,937**

Items in the Collection



**2010**

Average Age of the Collection



**16.9**

Items per Student



**24%**

Fiction titles in the Collection



**Nonfiction 39%**

Print Resources



**39%**

Aged Titles

Diverse library media resources. The resources provide “mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors” for students and teachers to see themselves in books and also learn about the lives of others through literature.



**28 %**

Diverse Titles in Collection



**2009**

Diverse Titles Average Age

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) library media resources can contribute to the **development of character and social-emotional skills.**



**30%**

SEL Titles in Collection



**2011**

SEL Titles Average Age

## Collection Analysis by Category

This section provides a detailed look at the current library collection by classification and genre. The information was gathered from Follett Destiny, the library management system, and Titlewave, the vendor's ordering and analysis tool (Balanced Dewey Comparison Report).

Section	Average Age	# of Titles	Actual Percentage	Recommended Percentage	Difference Percentage
Computer Science, Information & General Works	2012	61	.7%	.7%	0%
Philosophy & Psychology	2003	40	.4%	.4%	0%
Religion	2001	52	.6%	.3%	0.3%
Social Sciences	2005	473	5.3%	5.5%	-0.2%
Language	2011	53	.6%	.5%	0.1%
Science	2012	955	10.7%	8.7%	2.0%
Technology	2013	392	4.4%	4.3%	0.1 %
Arts & Recreation	2012	324	3.6%	5.8%	-2.2%
Literature	2002	138	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%
History & Geography	2007	488	5.5%	5.7%	-0.2%
Biography	2008	1,184	13.2%	3.4%	9.8%
Easy	2010	1808	20.2%	33.4%	-13.2%
General Fiction	2013	2151	29.8%	29.8%	-5.7%
Paperback	1996	28	0.3%	n/a	n/a
Professional	2001	39	0.4%	n/a	n/a
Reference	1999	34	0.4%	n/a	n/a
Story Collection	2019	4	0.1%	n/a	n/a

The analysis of the collection also revealed the following areas of **strengths** and **concerns**:

### **Strengths**

- The library continues to get updated though weeding and it is now above the recommended age of collection. It is recommended to have an average age of collection of 2009. The library currently has a 2010 average age of collection.
- The library has a well-rounded collection of science books. There is an emphasis on science, and our collection touches upon key standards.
- The library provides an ample collection of biographies and science books for projects and research-based activities.
- New titles are popular and familiar to students. New books to the collection are of high interest and are circulated often.

### **Focus Areas**

- Weeding is still necessary to keep the collection current. Further weeding is needed in Biographies. The Biography collection is over the recommended amount.
- Ordering newer titles in the areas of Easy and General Fiction should occur to reach the Dewey recommended percentages.
- There are titles in the collection that are significantly outdated. These are specifically in Philosophy and Psychology (2002), Religion (2011), History and Geography (2007) and Literature (2002).
- Purchasing Easy books is required to reach the recommended percentage of 34.4%. It is now currently 20.2%, which has increased in comparison to last year. However, this category still constitutes the area where most of the differences between actual and recommended amounts are evident.

## Strategic Focus

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This page lists the priorities for weeding and purchasing for each school year and includes the actions, updates, and outcomes. This is subject to change due to funding and time constraints.

School Year	Strategic Focus
<b>Year 1</b> <b>Current Year</b>	Purchasing Priority 1: Easy Purchasing Priority 2: General Fiction Weeding Priority 1: Biography Weeding Priority 2: Philosophy, Psychology, and Literature
<b>Year 2</b>	Purchasing Priority 1: Social Sciences Purchasing Priority 2: History and Geography Weeding Priority 1: Literature Weeding Priority 2: Religion

<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p>Purchasing Priority 1: Religion  Purchasing Priority 2: Social Sciences  Weeding Priority 1: Science  Weeding Priority 2: Computer Science, Informational Works</p>
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## Budget and Purchasing Plan

This page outlines the current budget available and specifically lists the priorities for this school year.

### Annual Budget 2024-2025

Annual Budget	
Source	Amount
State Allocation Funds (amount provided in the spring)	\$0 Estimated
Approximate Annual Budget	
Source	Amount
School Library Budget (\$9.60 Elementary and Middle per pupil and \$12.80 High per pupil)	\$5,066.00
Library Media Internal Funds (Book fairs, and fundraising)	\$1,100.00
Grants	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,166.00</b>

**Note: State** Allocation Funds (Fund 1000 Function 6200 Activity 7220). Please confirm this amount with your school bookkeeper.

### Purchasing Plan 2024-2025

Approximate Purchasing Plan	
Purpose	Amount
Book Purchases (District Funding)	\$5,066.88
Library Decor, Student Supplies, Media Club, Book Fair Decor and Supplies	\$700.00
Book Purchases from Book Fair Credits	\$2,500



	<b>TOTAL</b> \$8,266.88
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Reviewed by Principal **Mr. Juan Alejo**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ **Share this plan with SAC by January 31, 2025**
- ☐ **Post this plan on the school's website by February 7, 2025**

## Appendix

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- **Library Bill of Rights**
- **Library Reading Materials Opt-Out Form 2024/2025 (All Grades)**
- **Objection to Library/Specific Materials Form**

## ***Library Bill of Rights***

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019.

Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

Although the Articles of the Library Bill of Rights are unambiguous statements of basic principles that should govern the service of all libraries, questions do arise concerning application of these principles to specific library practices. See the documents designated by the Intellectual Freedom Committee as Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights.

Library Reading Materials Opt Out Form 2024/2025 (All Grades)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY,  
FLORIDA LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES  
LIBRARY READING MATERIALS OPT-OUT  
FORM

As a parent, you always have the right to opt your child out of any library material. Please complete the Opt-Out Form.

Upon submission of the Opt-Out Form, please discuss this decision with your child to ensure they are aware before visiting the library. Upon the Opt-Out Form submission, your child’s account will be updated in the library checkout system. It is our goal to make this process easy for parents.

Please contact your building principal if you have questions or need additional information.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **WILL NOT** permit my student to check out library materials.

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Student Name (PRINT) Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

## Objection to Library/Specific Materials Form

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
INNOVATIVE LEARNING DEPARTMENT — LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES  
**OBJECTIONS TO LIBRARY/SPECIFIC MATERIALS**

### Part I:

In order to assist a parent or resident of Broward County with the submission of an objection, Policy 4120 provides information on the Objection to Library/Specific Materials Form as required by Section 1006.28(2)(a)2., F.S. A parent or resident of Broward County that wishes to object to materials used within the School Board of Broward County, Florida public schools must complete the "Objection to Library/Specific Materials Form" located on the School Board of Broward County homepage and on the media center page of each school. All completed objection forms must be emailed to the Director or Innovative Learning at [objectiontomaterials@browardschools.com](mailto:objectiontomaterials@browardschools.com). Parents or residents of this county may share their concerns regarding any library/specific materials with the principal at the school site where the material is located prior to filing an objection. The committee will only consider book objections if they are submitted with at least 90 days remaining in the school year. Objections submitted outside this timeframe will not be reviewed until the following school year.

### Part II:

#### Introduction

This form must be used by a parent or resident of this county, in conjunction with district policies and procedures, to submit an objection to the school board for the following material:

1. Materials used in a classroom in the district, except for instructional materials as defined in s. 1006.29(2), F.S. The process and forms to object to instructional materials can be found on the Innovative Learning website under [Instructional Materials Adoption Information](#).
2. Materials made available to students in a school or classroom library.
3. Materials included on a school or classroom reading list.

#### Section 1: Parent or Resident Information

1. I am a parent or guardian of a district or homeschool student who has access to school district materials described in Part II of this form. ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, skip question 2)
2. ☐ I am a resident of this county and  
☐ I have not submitted an objection to any other materials described in Part II of this form during this calendar month. (Both boxes under question 2 must be checked to submit an objection as a resident.)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: Information Regarding Material

Type of material: ☐ Book ☐ Non-print material ☐ Other (identify): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the material: \_\_\_\_\_

Author(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Publisher or Producer: \_\_\_\_\_

Copyright Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level used: \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the material found: ☐ Media Center ☐ Classroom Library ☐ Reading List ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) where material is found: \_\_\_\_\_

ISBN, if available: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3: Basis for the Objection

Identify the basis for your objection:

☐ The material is pornographic.

☐ The material is prohibited under Section 847.012, F.S.

☐ The material depicts or describes sexual conduct as defined in Section 847.001(19), F.S.

☐ The material is not suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material.

☐ The material is inappropriate for the grade level and age group for which it is used.

## Section 4: Objection Specific Information

1. What brought this material to your attention?

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2. Did you examine this material in its entirety? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, what sections did you examine?

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3. Identify the portion of the material objected to and why. (*You must be specific and provide page numbers, sections, or timestamps, as appropriate. You may attach additional information that does not fit within this form.*)

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4. Is there any age or grade you would recommend this material? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is there any value in this material?

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6. What is your desired outcome for this material?
- ☐ Remove or discontinue use of material.
  - ☐ Limit access to certain grade levels: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Limit my child's access.
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_