

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REMOVAL OF INAPPROPRIATE MATERIALS FROM SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court held in *Board of Education v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853 (1982) that school boards have the right to remove materials that are “pervasively vulgar”, “age inappropriate”, and “unfit for education”;

WHEREAS, The current climate of sexualizing public education is detrimental to our families, our communities and the freedoms we hold dear;

WHEREAS, As the party of principle and strong moral fiber, we declare that the number one priority for our state must be educating our children using materials that promote academic excellence;

WHEREAS, Classroom and library materials must be consistent with the curriculum and, because young people may be faced with concepts that they are not ready for developmentally, available only to children of appropriate ages;

WHEREAS, Parents should have a voice in the process of evaluating books for determining age-appropriateness and where in the library they will be located;

WHEREAS, We recognize that the continuance of freedom and independence hinges on educating and raising future generations to be principled people of good moral and ethical character; and

WHEREAS, Teachers unions, special interest groups, and library associations intentionally misidentify legitimate concerns about protecting children’s innocence as “book banning” to disparage those objecting, to inflame the debate, and to justify inaction;

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Federation of Republican Women at its Spring Board of Directors and Members meeting held April 27, 2024 in Frederick, Maryland (1) stands firmly in support of the removal of “pervasively vulgar,” “age inappropriate,” and “educationally unsuitable” materials from our K-12 school libraries and classrooms; and (2) urges Maryland Boards of Education and legislators to pass sound policy and regulations to remove inappropriate materials from our schools.

*Submitted by the Republican Women of Frederick County
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