

Subject: Re: Detransition Awareness Day request

From: [REDACTED]@ewsd.org>

Date: 02/08/2023, 4:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]@board.ewsd.org>

CC: [REDACTED]@board.ewsd.org>

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email. I too have great concerns. I met with the EWSD librarians today (a previously scheduled meeting) and I brought up this request.

I will prepare my answer to Lynn tomorrow. This book, she suggests, actually goes against our equity policy and will cause harm.

I totally agree with you about the calendar too. Makes me sad, that I am distracted from my work to deal with this.

Have a lovely evening!

[REDACTED]

On Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 4:42 PM [REDACTED] [board.ewsd.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@board.ewsd.org)> wrote:

As a former Brownell Library Trustee, red flags started to wave at me after reading [REDACTED] reply to [REDACTED]

First, I am concerned that she was not made aware of the library materials acquisition policy

[D-P3: Media Selection Procedure](#) found on the EHS Library webpage.

Her request for placement of "*Irreversible Damage* by Abigail Shrier on an easel atop the shelves in the HS library" without vetting concerns me greatly. I have read mixed reviews about the book and the author; ultimately, does it pass the librarian's vetting through the policy for materials added to the collection. [REDACTED] should be made aware that her request for a book to be placed will go through this vetting process.

Second, I hope there is a similar vetting/validity process for calendar date additions. Just about anyone can create a special day for any topic - but I would hope that we had some criteria for date additions as calendar placement is a suggestion for instructional involvement and activities - per notes on the calendar holiday pages.

The link she provided says March 12 but later says 12-03- xx. Which is it?

I trust our EWSD librarians will follow policy. [REDACTED] should be made aware that there are steps to have something added or subtracted from the collection and the librarians will follow those policies and practices.

Thank you listening to my concerns,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Superintendent
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Pronouns: she, her, hers

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