



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Ad Hoc Challenge Materials Committee Meeting

May 31, 2022

4:30 PM

Curriculum Resource Room

AGENDA

- Review of Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials Process
- Challenged Materials
 - Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close by J. Foer
 - Originally on the May 26, 2022, Agenda
- Good of the Order



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Committee Response Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials

Committee Meeting Date: May 31, 2022

Date Challenge to Instruction and/or Media Materials Form Received: Per Ad Hoc committee, a recommendation was made January 24, 2022, to review the email from [REDACTED] (sent 10/14/21) with a list of materials, reviewed by the Florida Citizens Alliance, based upon citation of objections referencing violation of State Statute FS 847.012. No form was officially submitted for individual books.

NOTE: To be in compliance with Board Policies, complainant submitted a Challenge Form. See pages 4-5 of this response document.

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

Challenged Material: Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

Complainant: Book is being challenged per FS 847.012.

Decision:

- Recommend continued use of challenged material as instructional materials and for media circulation
- Recommend continued use for media circulation only
- Recommend continued use for instructional purposes only
- Recommend continued use of challenged material with the following guidelines:
This book is approved for media circulation only at school sites serving 9th – 12th grade students. This book appears on the College Board's list of Advanced Placement assessment material. AP courses require College Board approval of teacher syllabi. Parents reserve the right to request alternate assignments. Teachers of advanced courses are required to obtain parental permission prior to utilizing this book for instruction.



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- Recommend to discontinue use of challenged material during instruction and remove from media circulation

Additional Comments and/or Notes:

Parents may exercise their parental rights within the Parent Bill of Rights and submit an individual request to their child's school for an alert to be placed on the child's Destiny account, identifying the book as prohibited for media checkout.

Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Director of Elementary School Curriculum & Instruction

Director of High School Curriculum & Instruction

Coordinator of Advanced Studies and K-12 Social Studies

Coordinator of Elementary Mathematics

School-based Administrator Representative

Curriculum Advisory Representative

Non-Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Coordinator for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials - Facilitator

Content Specialist for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials - Recorder



Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Material

School or District: Lee County Public Schools Date: June 15, 2022

Please check type of instructional material:

Book: _____ AV (Video, CD, etc.): _____ Other (Identify): _____

Title: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

Author: J. Foer

Publisher or Producer: _____

Request initiated by name: [Redacted]

Student Name: N/A

Telephone Address: [Redacted]

City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip Code: [Redacted]

It is expected that the material in question has been read, viewed, or listened to in its entirety. Please complete the following questions. If insufficient space is provided, attach additional sheets.

(Please sign your name to each additional attachment)

1. What brought this material to your attention? Public Records Request

2. Did you examine the entire material? No If not, what parts did you examine? Selected Excerpts

3. To what in the material do you object? (Please be specific. Cite pages, film sequence, etc.) See Attached Report.

4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material? It is the story of an actual historical, tragic attack on the World Trade Centers.

5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material? The theme of the book is fine but not all parents would approve of the sex scenes.

6. For what age group would you recommend this material? 18+

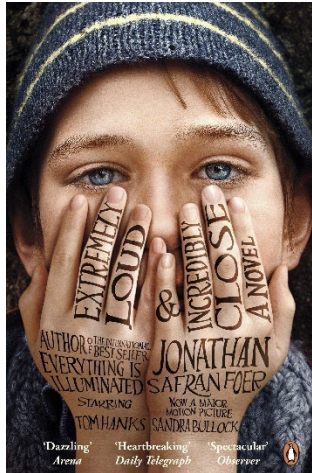
7. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material? Yes, but only if the parent approves.

8. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific. No

9. What would you like the school or district to do about this material? Check your choice.
 Do not assign it to my child
 Other (Please explain) Tag the book to alert the parent to the potential objectionable nature of the book.

[Redacted Signature] _____
 Signature of Objector Date (M/D/Y)

Please submit to the school principal for review.



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

Pg. 42 that actress getting a blowjob from her normal boy friend.

Pg. 84 He spread my legs. His palms pressed gently at the insides of my thighs. my thighs pressed back His palms pressed out. Birds were singing in the other room. We were looking for an acceptable compromise. The next week he held the back of my legs and the next week he was behind me.. it was the first time I ever made love . I wonder if he knew that. It felt like crying . I wondered why does anyone ever make love?

Pg. 127 I didn't know what she was doing. I touched every part of her , what was I doing, do we understand something that we couldn't explain? Her father said, You can stay for as long as you need. You can stay forever " She pulled her shirt over her head, I held her breast in my hands, it was awkward and it was natural , she pulled my shirt over my head, in the moment I couldn't see Mr. Goldberg laughed and said ,"Forever" I heard him pacing the small room, I put my hand under her skirt, between her legs, everything felt on the verge of bursting into flames

Pg. 145 ME. I knew him, Horatio, a jerk of infinite stupidity, a most excellent masturbator in the second-floor boys 'bathroom-I have proof . Also he's dyslexic. JIMMY SNYDER [Can't think of anything to say] ME. Where be your gibes now, your gambols, your songs? JIMMY SNYDER .What are you talking about? ME . [Raises hand to score board] Succotash my cocker spaniel, your fudging crevasse-hole dip shiit ake

Pg. 177 I would have done anything for him. Maybe that was my sickness. We made love in nothing places and turned the lights off. It felt like crying . We could not look at each other . It always had to be from behind . Like that first time . And I knew that he wasn't thinking of me

Pg. 275 She took my hand from her shoulder and pressed it between her legs , she didn't turn her head to the side , she didn't close her eyes, she stared at our hands between her legs, I felt like I was killing something, she undid my belt and unzipped my pants, she reached her hand under my underpants," I'm nervous", I said, by smiling , "It's OK "