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**To:** [Forsyth\\_Becky](#); [Baalerud\\_Valerie](#); [Stephens\\_Kaci](#); [jacobsen\\_leif](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Book mentioned at school board meeting  
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Thank you for the email, Becky. I did hear the "testimony" and want you to know our admin team discussed it. I am still standing firm and resolute to never be party to banning books, burning books or limiting the information that informs our society writ large. I will always stand by to defend the flag and people's right to also burn that same flag in protest. I believe that the defense of those rights and the education of our citizenry is true patriotism.

As Always--Go Bears!

Sean

Sean Prince  
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**From:** Forsyth\_Becky <Forsyth\_Becky@asdk12.org>  
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Sean, Valerie, Kaci, and Leif,

Perhaps you listened to the school board meeting last week and heard a community member read from a book entitled *This Book is Gay*. As it is featured each year on the frequently banned book list, it is popular. Banning can have that effect. In searching for it in the school district libraries, we are the only school that has a copy that is not lost or long overdue. In searching the public library, it is hard to find on the shelves as well. Not long ago we had two copies, but one walked off. This frequently happens with books appealing to the LGBTQIA+ community for one of two reasons: someone wants it and takes it to keep, or someone doesn't want it circulated.

In case you face questions from parents or other community members, I just wanted to let you know a little bit of the back story. If you want to watch the clip it is at 1:33 on the school board meeting channel. It is shocking to hear out loud. At this point, I feel it should stay in the library considering we are a 9-12 grade school. It has positive reviews in *School Library Journal* and *Booklist*. They both recommend it for ages 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It is filled with factual