

### COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRICULA OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Education recognizes the right of community members to voice concerns and/or complaints regarding particular curricula, print materials or non-print materials.

The Superintendent is charged with establishing staff protocols for:

- Initial response to such concerns and/or complaints.
- Establishing an informal conference between the staff member and the aggrieved party.
- Establishing and maintaining an up-to-dated 1420 – E *Community Member Request for Reconsideration of Materials* form.
- Convening an ad-hoc task force that would assist with review of the particular curricula, print materials or non-print materials. That ad-hoc task force is to include a teacher from that school who is not directly involved with that material, a library media specialist[s] who serves that grade span, that school's Principal, and two parents selected by that school's parent association, or if that school has no parent association, two parents selected by the parent association of the school serving the nearest adjacent grade span to that school.
- Handling an appeal to the Superintendent if either party is not satisfied with the determination of the ad-hoc task force.
- Appealing the matter to the Board for a final decision by the board if either party is not satisfied with the determination of the Superintendent.

Ref: Education Law §§1709(15); 1711(5)(f)  
*Board of Educ., Island Trees UFSD v. Pico*, 457 US 853 (1982)

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