

# STUDENTS HAVE THE FREEDOM TO READ: HERE'S HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR IT

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## Uphold Your Oath

School Board Members took an oath to uphold the Constitution. This includes protecting our students' First Amendment right to access information free of viewpoint discrimination.



## You Know Better, Now Do Better

Districts have to follow state statute until a ruling proves it unconstitutional. Now, portions of HB 1069 have been ruled unconstitutional. School districts should respect the rights of our citizens and return unconstitutionally removed books to library shelves.

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## Time for Sound Policy

Every objection must be put through the *Miller Test* to determine whether a material is "harmful to minors" under Florida law. This means a full and fair public review process that considers the work in its entirety.

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## Bad Policy Comes at a Cost

Don't put our funding at risk by continuing to violate the rights of our students. Litigation is costly and does not improve community trust in our public schools.

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# 6 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE HB 1069 DECISION

1.

The state cannot enforce any restriction unless a material is determined to meet the preexisting legal standard of “harmful to minors.”

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The state’s template objection form is fatally flawed. Objections must explain how the book qualifies as “harmful to minors” before temporary restrictions are made.

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For books currently removed, there must be a case made for why each one lacks serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value to continue to withhold access.

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“An ‘I know it when I see it’ test would unconstitutionally empower those who would limit speech to arbitrarily enforce the law.”\*  
(In other words, context matters.)

5.

“Slapping the label of government speech on book removals only serves to stifle disfavored viewpoints.”\*  
(They cannot remove books because they do not like the ideas contained within.)

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“To be sure, parents have the right to ‘direct the upbringing and education of children,’ but the government cannot repackage their speech and pass it off as its own.”\*  
(One parent’s restriction cannot impact all others.)

\*Quotes come directly from the order issued by Judge Mendoza