



December 11, 2023

Hon. Peter Schweyer, House Education Committee Chairman  
Hon. Jesse Topper, House Education Committee Minority Chair

Dear Representatives Schweyer and Topper:

As a volunteer organization comprised of mothers, grandmothers, and community leaders –many of whom are also school board members and educators—we are writing to express our support for Senate Bill 7 and efforts to empower parents to be more fully aware of the mature, sexual content their child may be provided in school. We also support giving parents the ability to deny their child access to such content should they find it to be inappropriate.

We realize much misinformation surrounds this issue, and we are not supporting a ban on books or extreme views on either side of this issue. We support commonsense parental input. We have seen ourselves that some material in school libraries and classrooms has become increasingly sexualized. Parents have identified books and assignments that contain graphic sexually explicit content that adults would be prohibited from viewing while at work, or that the media would be prohibited from airing.

Because reaching a consensus on what is “inappropriate” would be a tall order, we believe we should allow each parent to decide for themselves and their own children.

In keeping with that premise, Senate Bill 7 would require schools to identify sexually explicit content in school curriculum, materials, and books and notify parents that their child’s coursework includes such content or that a book their child wishes to view in the school library contains explicit content.

Parents would then have the opportunity to review the materials and decide whether to allow their child or children to be provided that coursework or prevent their child from viewing that particular book from the library/classroom through an opt-in form. If the parent decides to not opt-in to that concerning material, the child will receive a non-explicit alternative.

We believe that notifying parents and expanding their role in their child’s education will go a long way to increasing communication between parents and schools. Please bring this bill before the full House for a vote. Thank you for your consideration and your efforts on behalf of the schoolchildren of Pennsylvania!

Sincerely,

Dauphin County Council of Republican Women

cc: Hon. Ryan Aument  
cc: Hon. John Di Santo  
cc: House delegation