

Start time	Completion time	Email	Are you a parent/guardian of a student in Larimer County School District #1?	Library material for which you would like to appeal the Superintendent's determination?	For what reason do you object to the Superintendent's determination?	Please explain what evidence and reasoning you have for your objection:
2	4/29/24 11:08:12	4/29/24 11:15:24	anonymous	Yes	Monday's Not Coming	<p>This book was labeled as sexually explicit because of 5 passages. Of those passages, only 1 depicts an actual sex act (page 246), and it does not describe anything. One passage (page 346) refers to another book, not the one being reviewed. One passage (page 208) refers to two characters, fully clothed, dancing on a dance floor at a party. One passage (page 194) refers to a picture, but it's a picture taken out of context and being used, because of its bad angle, to bully the man character. The scene where the picture is taken is on page 211, and nothing sexual is happening, which means that there is nothing sexual happening in the picture being referred to on page 194. One passage (page 209) is a boy honestly telling a girl what happened in the past. No act is depicted because it took place outside of the text itself. This is a challenging, 435 page book, and to argue that because of 1 sentence on one page it is sexually explicit is just intellectually dishonest. This is not just a matter of taking passages out of context - it's truly a matter of not comprehending the passages at all. There is simply not enough here to make that accusation.</p> <p>I realized that since the appeals process is so poorly defined, poorly conceived, and poorly written, I should be more specific in my appeal. This is a continuation of the appeal I have already submitted regarding Monday's Not Coming.</p> <p>There were 5 passages identified as containing sexually explicit material. I will address each of those 5.</p> <p>Page 346 - There is no actual, simulated, or animated sex act of any kind according to the definitions. There is, instead, a reference to a book not under consideration - Flowers in the Attic. But, in this passage, there is nothing that would rise to the standard of actual, simulated, or animated.</p> <p>Page 208 - There is no actual, simulated, or animated sex act of any kind according to the definitions. There is a description of dancing on a dance floor. No pubic areas are mentioned. No caressing or fondling is mentioned. There is reference to a touching as on a dance floor. But nothing rises to the level of actual, simulated, or animated since there is no sexual act of any kind taking place.</p> <p>Page 194 - There is no actual, simulated, or animated sex act of any kind according to the definitions. The picture in question does not depict a sexual act, which is demonstrated on page 211 of the novel. In this case, bullies are lying about what is happening in the picture - it is not happening in the picture. So, they are falsely describing what they see. As a result, there are no actual, simulated, or animated sex acts taking place. At all.</p> <p>Page 246 - There is a sex act, but the only body parts mentioned are ankles and legs. No genital or pubic areas are mentioned. No abuse is mentioned - it is consensual. No actual description of the sex act is mentioned - again, only ankles and legs are mentioned. Therefore, it does not rise to the defined level of actual, simulated, or animated.</p> <p>Page 209 - There is a reference to a past sex act, but not to one taking place in the text. The phrase is "fucked my dick." These words, and in past tense. So, there is reference to a male penis, and to an act, but the act took place in a previous time, and off of the page. The actual act is not described. Since the definitions refer to actual, simulated, or animated, this passage fails to meet the definition since no sex act is taking place.</p> <p>Of those 5 passages, only one describes a sex act taking place at the time in the text, and that one only refers to ankles and legs. As a result, this text should not be classified as sexually explicit. It does not meet the requirement of actual, simulated, or animated in any way, and should be removed from the list.</p> <p>As a reminder, this is a follow up form. I have filed one already, but since the Admin Reg is so poorly written, and since there is no actual procedure documented, I wanted to make sure I was clear in this appeal.</p> <p>If, as the admin reg says, a hearing is held on this book, I would ask that it be made public. If there is no hearing, I would ask that the discussion (recording, emails, transcripts, votes) be made public. In the absence of either of these things happening and being made public, I will file a FOIA request for all documents, emails, phone calls, and conversations regarding this appeal. And, since the superintendent is to submit the appeal to the Board, there should be an initial email; there should be a Board discussion, which should be made public; there should be a Board rationale. If you will not make this public and transparent, we will sue to make sure that all decisions are made in the light of day.</p>
3	4/30/24 18:34:40	4/30/24 18:40:48	anonymous	Yes	Monday's Not Coming	<p>If, as the admin reg says, a hearing is held on this book, I would ask that it be made public. If there is no hearing, I would ask that the discussion (recording, emails, transcripts, votes) be made public. In the absence of either of these things happening and being made public, I will file a FOIA request for all documents, emails, phone calls, and conversations regarding this appeal. And, since the superintendent is to submit the appeal to the Board, there should be an initial email; there should be a Board discussion, which should be made public; there should be a Board rationale. If you will not make this public and transparent, we will sue to make sure that all decisions are made in the light of day.</p>