



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
POINT ARENA SCHOOLS
MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. PAS-23-6103**

ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND DIVERSITY OF THOUGHT

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Point Arena Schools (“District”) hereby resolves the following in support of academic freedom and diversity of thought in District schools.

WHEREAS, teachers, students, parents and community members have expressed concerns that the Board had and/or were planning to remove (ban) books and/or authors from District school libraries, classrooms, or curriculums; and

WHEREAS, the Board is legally responsible for what is being taught in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to enhancing each and every learners’ experiences through intellectual and academic freedom, which help advance diverse perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the District has established practices that address the removal of books from libraries and classrooms through a multi-step process that includes public comment and open session Board approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall support all efforts to provide each and every learner opportunities to think and grow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall ensure equitable access to all books, including those that reflect, respect and celebrate the diverse community we serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges the trusted role of teachers in the development and presentation of curriculum that promotes critical thinking skills through engagement with and evaluation of a wide range of ideas.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of Point Arena Schools at a public meeting duly called and held on this 10th day of August, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: ___ NOES: ___ ABSTAIN: ___ ABSENT: ___

I, Mary Visher, Clerk of the Board of the Point Arena Schools do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held August 10, 2022.

SO ORDERED;

Mary Visher
Clerk of the Board

Warren Galletti
Secretary of the Board

Board of Trustees
Robert Shimon - Mary Visher - Cindy Cione
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