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Letter from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, December 22, 2022

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Dear Dr. Pace:

FIRE appreciates your email acknowledging our December 22, 2022, letter and promising to provide a substantive response in the new year. As we have not heard from Osceola County since then, however, I write today to renew FIRE's request for a response addressing the concerns raised in our letter.

As explained, Osceola County's abrupt removal of books from its school libraries in response to public complaints violates district policy and threatens students' First Amendment rights. FIRE strongly urges Osceola County to preserve its libraries as a resource that supports students' educational growth by empowering them to freely explore a variety of ideas and perspectives outside the classroom. Osceola County can easily keep its libraries censorship-free while also giving parents greater control over what content their own children can access.

We request a substantive response to our letter no later than the close of business on February 16, 2023.

Sincerely,
Aaron Terr

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