

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee is dedicated to fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, diversity, and the free exchange of ideas; and

WHEREAS, our educational mission is grounded in the principles of academic freedom, intellectual curiosity, and the pursuit of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of providing students with a well-rounded education that exposes them to a variety of perspectives, ideas, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of thought and representation in our curriculum is crucial for developing informed and engaged citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee affirms its commitment to the principles of academic freedom, intellectual freedom, diversity, and inclusivity within our educational system; and

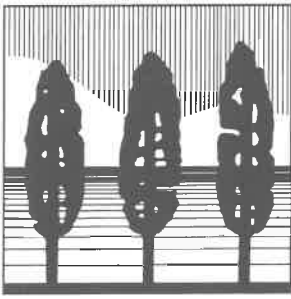
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand in support of students' and staff's right to access a broad range of educational materials that reflect diverse experiences and perspectives; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we acknowledge the importance of open dialogue and constructive conversations to address concerns related to educational materials, and we encourage community members, parents and caregivers to participate in respectful discussions about curriculum content; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee will continue to review and uphold our policies to ensure that our educational materials are aligned with the values of our community and the principles of academic freedom.

ADOPTED this **25th** day of **January 2024**.

Stephen Bannon, Chair
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WHEREAS, the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee is dedicated to maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, recent concerns have been raised regarding potential overreach by the local police department in matters related to school affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee values a collaborative relationship with law enforcement agencies while ensuring the protection of the rights and well-being of our educational community; and

WHEREAS, accountability and transparency are essential for maintaining public trust and confidence in both our educational institutions and local law enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee respectfully urges the local police department to initiate a thorough internal investigation into any alleged overreach or involvement in school affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the internal investigation should examine the nature and extent of the police department's interactions with the school community, ensuring that actions taken align with established protocols and respect the rights of students and staff; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the School Committee expects the local police department to provide a transparent and detailed report of the internal investigation findings, including any recommended corrective actions if warranted; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the School Committee remains committed to fostering a positive and cooperative relationship with local law enforcement agencies to enhance the safety and well-being of our educational community.

ADOPTED this **25th** day of **January 2024**.

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