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PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A diversity of points of view is essential to education in a democracy. Therefore, it is incumbent upon every school administrator and teacher to be vigilant in detecting encroachments upon diversity of viewpoints in the classroom and to be prepared to challenge successfully such threats.

It is recognized that citizens of a community have the right to examine and criticize school materials. In order to assist school personnel in handling complaints concerning instructional materials, procedures based on due process are recommended.

The Board of Education of the School District of Hartford Joint No. 1 recognizes that by law it shall adopt all the textbook and curriculum materials necessary for use in the schools under its charge and which all children will use.

It is further recognized that at times a citizen of the District may object or have reservations about certain materials used in the schools.

A citizen who objects to materials used in the schools may ask for reconsideration of the materials by filling out the appropriate form available in all school offices.

Upon receipt of such completed form, the Board will direct the District Administrator to establish a committee of educators and citizens of the District to review the questioned material.

The committee will review the materials and make recommendations to the District Administrator within two months. After reviewing the written statement/recommendation of the committee, the District Administrator shall notify the complainant of the decision. If an appeal is made to the Board, the Board will make the final decision as to the use of the material in the District's schools.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wis. Statutes Chapter 118
Section 118.03 (1)(a)
Wis. Statutes Chapter 121, Subchapter II
Section 121.02 (1)(h)
Section 118.13

CROSS REFERENCE: KLB-R, Guidelines for Handling Complaints about Instructional Materials
JB-R, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures