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Jesús H. Chávez, Ph.D.
Superintendent

November 17, 2008

Wes and Sherry Jennings
905 Catalapa Cove
Round Rock, Texas 78665

Re: Your request for reconsideration of instructional materials

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jennings:

I have reviewed the committee decision regarding your request for reconsideration of instructional materials and your Level III appeal to the Board of Trustees for the District. I have also requested District legal counsel to advise me regarding my alternatives and duties as Superintendent in making recommendations and responding to this request. After the filing of your request for a Level III hearing, I have also reviewed the material in question and the educational goals and objectives of our middle schools.

In my capacity as the legally designated educational leader of the District, I will instruct that the book in question be removed from the District middle school libraries. My determination is that considering the age, maturity levels and emotional and social development of our middle school students, especially the younger students in the middle schools, the book is not educationally suitable for inclusion in middle school libraries. While the book may be appropriate for some students, it is not appropriate for all of our students in middle school and should not be made generally available in a middle school library open to all middle school students. If parents wish their individual students to have access to the book, there are ample alternatives for the book to be made available to students at parent discretion.

Because I have instructed that the book be removed from middle school libraries, there is no further issue to be considered by the Board of Trustees and the scheduled appeal for reconsideration of instructional materials is moot. Therefore, the appeal will be cancelled.

Sincerely yours,

Jesús H. Chavez
Superintendent
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cc: Board of Trustees, *Round Rock Independent School District*