



Sheriff Eric Flowers
Indian River County Sheriff's Office

April 19, 2022

Dr. David Moore & Honorable Members of the School Board
School District of Indian River County
6500 57th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32967

Dear Dr. Moore & Honorable Members of the School Board,

Our agency received a criminal complaint regarding alleged pornographic and/or obscene materials present in books currently on library shelves within the School District of Indian River County. This complaint is similar to those received in other districts around the state and country. After a thorough review of the content by our Special Victims Unit Supervisor, who has the unfortunate task of dealing with sex crimes against children, we have determined that the totality of the circumstances do not allow us to make an arrest in this case. However, based upon this review, we do not feel that this content is appropriate for young children even though it does not rise to the level of a crime.

The taxpayers of Indian River County entrust us with the honor and privilege of managing and making decisions that impact our entire community. Some of the content in these books is highly questionable and I certainly would not want my child to have access to it. I would recommend that the District continue to review their policy to allow for stricter oversight prior to books such as these being made available to children.

YOUR Indian River County Sheriff,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Eric Flowers".

Eric Flowers
Sheriff