

# Edsel Ford High School



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Greetings Thunderbirds,

I want to take a moment to address a few videos and messages being shared on social media regarding inappropriate books in our Media Centers.

Book content has become an increasingly relevant topic, not only in Dearborn, or Michigan, but across the nation. There is a movement happening right now that includes parent voice in what texts are available to their children. In response to national discussions and local need, Dearborn Public Schools has initiated a process that includes an inventory of over a hundred thousand books across our libraries, and a “weeding” process which includes vetting books for grade level and age appropriateness. Additionally, there is a form being created that allows parents to challenge available books and opt their children out of borrowing books they deem unfit.

At a Board of Education meeting in early August, there was a presentation given describing this process. ([Please click here to view the short but informative presentation](#)) As you can imagine, with such a large number of titles to review, this process will take some time, but we as a school and as a district are committed to this process. When we speak about Students First, it happens in many different ways. One way is to remain committed to this process. However, we also need to consider the broader impact our actions as adults have on the emotional well being of our students.

When there is so much negativity shared on social media, focused on one school, it’s natural that student and staff morale is affected. When morale is affected, you might as well add diminished pride and effort. Our students do not deserve that. They should not have to internalize a national debate as being solely theirs. With everything else teens have to deal with, let us, at the very least, minimize negative dialogue and messaging.

This isn’t a one school issue. It’s not even a district issue. It’s an issue that school district’s across the nation are addressing. Will parents find books before we do? Out of the hundred thousand titles, no doubt. How parents react and notify the district matters. We need to keep the students in mind when we react. It’s not fair for our students to feel they go to a school that has a problem.

Why can’t we have a problem but also stay positive and solution-oriented?

To all of our students - take pride in your school, there are people surrounding you that care about you and work everyday to do better and be better. Thank you to our Media Specialists!

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Thank you to our staff! Thank you to our administrative teams! Most importantly, thank you students - keep your chin up and your Thunderbird pride strong!

Edsel Ford is a great place to learn and grow!

Have a safe and wonderful weekend!

Rima Hassan  
Principal  
Edsel Ford

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