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I trust my local school board. Now that may not be a common statement but in my case it holds true. My school board is non-partisan, they focus on what's best for students and staff not on how they can further advance their political agenda. To use a state approved list of books rather than letting the school board make those decisions is wrong. It undermines the democratic process and removes the power of the people to use their vote to make their schools a safe place for their children. Lets be honest, the list of books would be driven by the political party who happens to have the majority. The books on that list wouldn't be there solely for the benefit of students. My concern is that books and reference material would be evaluated based on furthering a political agenda. Let our school board do their job, let them represent the communities that they serve and do the job that they were elected to do. Thank you.