



March 18, 2022

Ms. Robyne Brown  
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Dear Ms. Brown:

At your request, the Instructional Materials/Criteria Review Committee met on November 16, 2021, to reevaluate *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe, an approved title in high school media centers. The committee voted to retain this title for media center use in high school media centers. The committee offered the following rationale for its recommendations:

"The book provides an alternate viewpoint of a memoir and represents an inclusive addition to a high school library collection."

"The book offers a story/voice/perspective/guidance for students, who like Maia are searching for answers. It sheds light and can help students who are trying to find their identity. This book has great potential to help students."

Based upon the committee's recommendation, I support the decision to retain this title in high school media centers.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Czarnecki, Coordinator, Secondary Language Arts.

Sincerely,

William Barnes  
Chief Academic Officer

Cc: Ebony Langford-Brown, Executive Director, School Improvement and  
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Nancy Czarnecki, Coordinator, Secondary Language Arts  
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