

# Was YOUR Child One Of The HUNDREDS EXPOSED In The Anoka-Hennepin Schools?



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

It has recently come to our attention that the book chosen and promoted by the Anoka-Hennepin High Schools for the Rock the Book Summer Read 2013 program this year was titled *Eleanor & Park* by author Rainbow Rowell.

Based on a report written by two parents of a freshman student that participated in the reading program, this book is littered with extreme profanity and age-inappropriate subject matter that should never be put into the hands and minds of minor children, much less promoted by the educational institutions and staff we entrust to teach and protect our children.

Yet, this is exactly what five Anoka-Hennepin high school media specialists did when they made the decision that this crude and sexually charged material was appropriate to hand out to hundreds of our children without their parents knowledge or consent.



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of profanity including over 60 instances of the F-word and its variants as well as many other extremely profane words that can't be said on TV or radio.

According to district personnel there were between 175 and 250 high school students that participated in the reading program and were given a copy of the book. It has also come to our attention that there are over 70 copies of the book available throughout all five of the Anoka-Hennepin high school libraries, as well as in the Anoka Middle School for the Arts - Fred Moore campus library, risking exposing hundreds more children as young as age 12 to this vulgar material.

The formal process has been initiated with the district to try to get the books removed from the libraries as well as implement more stringent standards with regard to the selection of educational materials, but so far there has been no indication from the district staff that they feel the book is inappropriate or needs to be removed.

Because of the apparent lack of moral awareness shown by the district staff at all levels we feel that it has become necessary to engage the parents and residents of the district to push the necessary changes from the top down and accelerate the removal of this profane and inappropriate material more quickly than the district's formal process will allow.

In order to do this, we need YOUR help. We have put together some simple steps you can take to further educate yourself about the book and contact the school board to express your feelings about the situation and request their help to get it removed.

### Step 1: Learn More...

- ▶ Download the full report from the Parents Action League website at [www.ParentsActionLeague.org](http://www.ParentsActionLeague.org).  
*Please note that the report contains extreme profanity and adult content.*
- ▶ Check the book out from the library and read it or visit Amazon.com (search for ISBN #1250012570) and read select portions of the book using the "Look Inside" feature.

### Step 2: Contact the School Board...

*Please be respectful in your communications.*

- ▶ **Tom Heidemann, Chair**  
(District One - Anoka, Andover, Ramsey and Coon Rapids)  
- 763-506-4795 (voicemail)
- ▶ **Marci Anderson, Vice Chair**  
(District Two - Blaine and Coon Rapids)  
- 763-433-4150  
- 763-506-1002 (Supt.'s admin assistant)
- ▶ **Bill Harvey, Director**  
(District Three - Coon Rapids, Champlin and Dayton)  
- 763-506-1002 (Supt.'s admin assistant)
- ▶ **Michael Sullivan, Treasurer**  
(District Four - Andover, Ham Lake, Nowthen, Oak Grove and Ramsey)  
- 763-506-5847  
- 763-506-1002 (Supt.'s admin assistant)
- ▶ **Dr. Scott Wenzel, Clerk**  
(District Five - Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Coon Rapids and Fridley)  
- 763-433-4151  
- 763-506-1002 (Supt.'s admin assistant)
- ▶ **Jeff Simon, Director**  
(District Six - Coon Rapids and Andover)  
- 763-506-7742  
- 763-506-1002 (Supt.'s admin assistant)

### Step 3: Inform Others...

- ▶ Help spread the word by e-mailing this fact sheet to other district parents and residents so they can get educated and get involved.

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