



Action: Regarding a Resolution on the Establishment of a School Library Advisory Council

BELTON ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting
August 18, 2025





Purpose

Consider and take appropriate action on recommended revisions to EFB(LOCAL) and the resolution to establish a local School Library Advisory Council in response to Senate Bill 13.



Senate Bill 13

Enhances parental rights regarding school library materials



Establishes new standards for library collections



Creates Advisory Councils



Defines procedures for material challenges



Parents as Partners



Access to Records - parents can view what library materials their child checks out



Restriction Rights - parents can submit a list of materials their child may not check out



Digital Tracking - online portal must show checkout history

Prohibited Content



Harmful material (per penal code 43.24)



Indecent or profane content



Sexually explicit content



Pervasively vulgar materials



Materials with links to prohibited online content



Local School Library Advisory Councils



Establishment - optional, but mandatory if petitioned by parents (10% or 50+)



Duties - recommend policies, assess materials, suggest removals



Composition - voting members must be nominated by board, each board member will nominate 1 parent, majority of voting members must be parents



Meetings - at least twice annually

New Material Acquisition Process



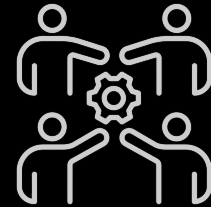
List Generated

Librarians collaboratively generate a proposed selection of materials in alignment with collection standards and guidelines.



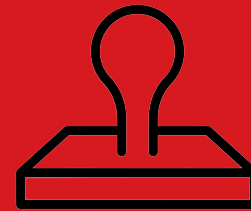
Public Review

Lists of proposed materials must be accessible for 30 days.



Advisory Review

If established, Advisory Council reviews proposed list and makes recommendations.



Board Approval

Final approval in open meeting after review period.



Material Challenges & District Impact

Challenge Process	District Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone can submit written challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Material removed from all district access during review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create systems for parent restrictions of student access
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90 - day review timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review existing collections and continue culling practices
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board makes final decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare for partnerships with parents

Discussion

