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Sexually explicit materials have no place in our schools. Our school libraries differ from public libraries. Materials that are in our schools should be acceptable for all the students who could possibly access them. A 19 year old senior who accesses sexually explicit info is much different than a 13 year old freshman. But, when that material is in our schools at all – it is available to access, particularly by under-aged children.

We know that early contact with sexually explicit material is damaging to children. Many kids who end up with porn addictions, drug, and alcohol addictions and in sexually abusive relationships as adults frequently point to early introduction to sexually explicit material as a contributing factor. Porn has been shown to re-wire our brains and require increasingly graphic and violent content in order for the person using it, to get the same effect over time. That is damaging both physically and mentally.

Our schools should be safe places from sexually explicit material, there is absolutely no benefit to the children and only risk to their long-term health.