

STUDENT 1st AMENDMENT RIGHTS AT RISK

The Seattle School board is proposing a policy to **take away the student press's first amendment rights** within the school. This new policy would **remove student responsibility** for content and **set the stage for administrative censorship.**

CURRENT POLICY: *Students have the right to **FREEDOM OF THE PRESS** and may express their personal opinions in writing. They must take **full responsibility for the content of their publications** by identifying themselves as authors and or editors of the publication. They are not allowed to make personal attacks or publish libelous or obscene material. –Seattle Public Schools Student Rights and Responsibilities 2011-2012*

PROPOSED POLICY: *The principal may request to review any copy prior to its **publication**. Material must be free of content that: **runs counter to the instructional program**; is libelous; obscene or profane; contains threats of violence towards a person; invades a person's privacy; demeans any race, religion, sex, or ethnic group; **advocates the violation** of the law or **school rule**; advertises the tobacco products, liquor, illicit drugs, or drug paraphernalia; **materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school**; or, is **inappropriate for the maturity level of the students**. –Superintendent Procedure 3220SP*

DO YOU WANT THIS TO HAPPEN IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

ATTEND THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOV. 16

6:00pm. Auditorium of the John Stanford Center, 2445 - 3rd Ave S, Seattle

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