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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cummings,

The Request for Reconsideration Panel met and has made a statement about their decision. Please see the statement below.

Tamara Parks

After careful consideration and discussion, the Request for Reconsideration Panel has voted unanimously to keep Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe in the EHS/CTE Library collection. Collectively, this panel feels that the messages of gender identity, sexuality, inclusion, and empathy throughout this memoir serve to benefit all students. Gender Queer provides a path for readers to both see themselves and people different from them in our library collections and the value this work brings to our library collection is essential. This coming of age autobiography powerfully captures the experience of the author, who writes, "I don't want to be a girl. I don't want to be a boy either. I just want to be myself," (p. 71).

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