



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Advocacy group: Bible must be banned if other books stripped from schools

Janet Stecklein, CNHI Oklahoma, May 17, 2023

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma’s state superintendent must demand that the Bible be removed from public school libraries if he continues his push to ban books containing “graphic pornography,” an advocacy group said.

In a letter to Superintendent Ryan Walters, officials with the Freedom From Religion Foundation wrote that the Bible contains nearly 150 verses displaying a “pornographic view,” yet other books the Republican official has publicly targeted do not contain the “graphic sexual content” from which he wishes to protect children.

State Sen. Rob Standridge, R-Norman, said the Bible is different than the books Walters is attempting to censor. He said the Bible does not use the same graphic sexual depictions in pictures, images or written descriptions as the books Walters is targeting. He also questioned how many public school libraries actually have Bibles on their shelves.

“They’re essentially trying to remove the rights of parents to protect their children from obscene material,” Standridge said. “And to bring the Bible in the conversation is again despicable because their only goal is to somehow put pornography in front of children. I don’t understand why an adult would want to do that.”

Continue Reading at: https://www.enidnews.com/news/advocacy-group-bible-must-be-banned-if-other-books-stripped-from-schools/article_87f7a1a8-f4f2-11ed-a15c-17c1531767de.html