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Davidson Middle School  
280 Woodward Ave.  
San Rafael, CA 94901

Attn: Mr. Ed Colucci, Principal

Dear Mr. Colucci:

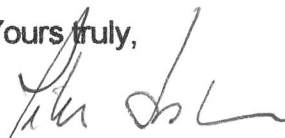
Earlier during this academic year, I took an opportunity to read, *The Bronze Bow*, one of the assigned books for my daughter's core class. At that point, I was quite disturbed by the religious nature of the content, and what I considered to be a subtle bias. At the back-to-school night, when I questioned the teacher as to the basis of the assignment, I was told that the book effectively melded the regional history of the era, and that it would be balanced with other resources throughout the year that represent other religious backgrounds and views. I was also told that this particular book was required reading for all students.

At the time, while not satisfied with the response, I decided to wait to see what the subsequent reading assignments would be, and in what context they would be used. I have not observed any similar, but diverse books within the academic core discipline in the interim.

It is my opinion that *The Bronze Bow*, while relatively compelling as a story, is a highly slanted religiously based tale, and as such does not belong on any required reading list for a public middle school. I am aware that other parents at Davidson have equally strong opinions and objections relative to interpretations, facts, etc. My personal objection is very basic, and stems from the fundamental tenet of separation of church and state.

I would like to voice my concern with you and your staff, in concert with others at your convenience and would request a meeting at your convenience to discuss this matter. Please let me know how you wish to proceed.

Yours truly,



Peter Fisher