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Jeff Piccola, Chair of the York County Republican Committee, reaffirmed the Committee's strong endorsement and support for all 6 Republican candidates running for the office of school director in the Central York School District, Incumbents, Veronica Gemma and Tim Strickler and newcomers Wendy Crane, Danielle Allison, Faith Casale and Laura Bond. Piccola issued the following statement:

Once again, the Democratic candidates for Central York School Board are engaging in misinformation to confuse the voters of the District. There have been allegations and misreporting about an attempt to ban certain books in the district. **This is false.** As Republicans, we do not believe in banning books and neither do any of these Republican candidates. That is what communists and fascists do. There is not and never has been any support for the banning of any books in Central York School District.

What is true is that the school board is continuously working to review and improve the curriculum used in the Central York School District so that it meets the academic needs of the students and is in line with values of parents and all the citizens of the district. This is one of the most important roles for all school directors.

Regarding the creation of a suggested reading list on diversity, such a list has been suggested and is under review by the School Board. I am urging the Board to adopt, as soon as possible, a reliable and broad-based suggested list so that students, parents and interested citizens can, if they choose, have a selection of reading materials on this important subject. It is important to remember that this suggested reading list is not curriculum and individual books listed thereon may or may not be included in any part of the Central York School District's course work. I have every confidence that the Board is going to act quickly.