

*Recently, a highly controversial “young adult” book, The Miseducation of Cameron Post, was added to the Cape Henlopen School District’s recommended reading list for ninth graders. The book features lewd and immoral behavior on nearly every page: explicit fornication, homosexuality, and profanity. Following outrage from parents, the Board members voted 6-1 to remove the book from the list—only to have the liberal media attack them with claims of “censorship” and “homophobia.” Now they are reconsidering their decision. In response, I wrote and sent a letter to the Cape Henlopen School Board, urging them to obey the Word of God. This letter is reproduced below.*

Greetings,

My name is Rebekah Albano and I am a former student of the Cape Henlopen School District. I am proud to say I graduated from Cape in 2008 and have gone on to earn a BA in English Ed. at the University of Delaware. This fall I will begin my 3rd year teaching at —— High School. (I secretly still cheer for the Vikings, don’t worry!)

It has been brought to my attention that the CHSD Board is facing controversy regarding the removal of a book called *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* from the recommended book list. Though I have not read this book, I did read a thorough review by a parent (found [here](#)) in which various profanities, sexual acts, obscene comments, and immoral activities from the book are listed from beginning to end. I highly encourage you to read the review for yourself if you have not.

As a supporter of Delawarean students and their families (especially those from my alma mater), I thank you for your previous vote to remove this book from the recommended list. While I think children should be exposed to a diversity of genres in literature, this particular text is wildly inappropriate.

I originally wrote this letter explaining why recommending the book is wrong, but without providing a standard to which it should be compared. What standard should be used? There are two choices: either man's word, or God's Word. The former lacks any real authority and is only good when it borrows from the latter. The Word of God, however, is everlasting, perfectly just and righteous, and proceeds from the mouth of the one true King, Jesus Christ.

Why does this matter? Because books like *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* endorse behavior that is clearly wrong, according to God's Word. For instance, any sexual activity outside of a marriage union between a man and a woman is sinful. That includes, but is not limited to, homosexuality and fornication (1 Cor. 6:9). Regardless of what the government may say, it is not up to me, or you, or any man to determine good from evil, but God alone.

No matter what religious beliefs we hold, everyone—including those in the public school system—has a worldview that influences all we do, especially our stance on moral issues. That is why it is impossible to be truly “secular” in these matters. By propagating such a text, it shows the school district upholds that type of behavior as normal and acceptable. Not

only could this lead young children to sin (an act Jesus condemns in Matthew 18:6), it is also in clear defiance of the law of God to do such a thing (Romans 1:27-31).

I urge you, with great love and humility, to take this letter to heart, and to choose to do, not what is easiest, or most popular, but what is right—in submission to our holy, gracious and merciful King.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Albano