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**THE KITE RUNNER APPEAL TO BE HEARD BY  
COMMUNITY MTAC COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16**

June 10, 2015

(ASHEVILLE)- A public meeting is scheduled to hear a parent’s appeal of the A.C. Reynolds High School Media/Technology Advisory Committee (MTAC) building-level decision to continue the use of *The Kite Runner* at the school. The meeting will be held in the Old Board Auditorium at the Buncombe County Schools Central Office on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

As outlined in [BCS Policy 3210](#), the system-level Community MTAC is convened whenever a parent appeals a school-level MTAC decision regarding instructional materials. In this appeal, the Community MTAC is being convened for the purpose of coming to a consensus regarding the use of the novel *The Kite Runner* for age appropriate, whole class instruction at Reynolds High School.

Last month, the Reynolds High School MTAC affirmed the use of *The Kite Runner* as an appropriate supplementary text. The school MTAC found the book to be a suitable curriculum resource and in alignment with the current statewide instructional standards. In its written report concerning the complainant’s objection, the committee determined that *The Kite Runner* “possesses sufficient literary, thematic, and aesthetic merits to warrant its inclusion for study at teacher discretion”.

At the June 16 meeting, two speakers will address the Community MTAC for 10 minutes each: Lisa Baldwin, complainant, will express her concerns, and Eric Grant, BCS English Language Arts Specialist, will discuss the process by which supplemental materials are evaluated. Following these two speakers, the Community MTAC members will discuss the complaint with the intention of arriving at a consensus.

It is anticipated the Community MTAC will submit a written report, including a consensus, to the Board of Education on June 18, 2015. It is expected the Board of Education members will review the Community MTAC findings and vote on the complainant’s appeal at the June 30 Board Meeting.

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
Community Media/Technology Advisory Committee Appeal Meeting	BCS Central Office Old Board Room 175 Bingham Road, Asheville, NC 28806	Tuesday, June 16, 2015 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

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