

Scott Bonz

Parent

Hello, my name is Scott Bonz. I am joining this lawsuit on behalf of my daughter Hailie Bonz. My wife and I have been residents of Urbandale, Iowa since 2014, and have had children in the Urbandale School District since then as well. It is truly sad to see the day when books have become the enemy of our state and local governments. I come from a long line of educators in my family. My grandfather was a professor/president of an eastern Iowa college, my mother is a retired art teacher, and my father is also in elementary education. As a parent, I want our children to have the same access to knowledge that was allotted to us when we were growing up. Having government officials impeding access to reading materials that kids can relate to, is something that I cannot agree with. Denying access or belittling someone's interests shames the individual seeking out that information. As adults, with all the access, benefits, and opportunities in our hands, we must never fall into that trap. I am here to ensure that every single voice is heard, not just the belief system that aligns with my own. As a life-long Iowan, I want my kids to have every opportunity that was given to me, to grow, learn and seek out new ideas. Freedom of Speech is a crucial part of what this country was founded on. I couldn't be prouder of Hailie for fighting for her rights as an individual, as well as on behalf of her fellow students, librarians, and teachers. Thank you for your time and consideration.