**Narrator:**

MS. LEE has been the Media Specialist at John Douglass Middle School for 15 years. She loves that she can provide a space where students can explore their interests, hold meetings and find a bit of a reprieve from the daily pressures of Middle School. She’s been following the recent news about book banning and calls to limit access to certain materials especially those that some folks feel don’t align with their values and while she understands parents wanting to have a better sense of what their children are being exposed to, she finds the lengths that are being taken to censor educators to be a bit much.

MS. LEE was busy sorting out the new arrivals when she heard a knock on the door. She looked up and saw the principal, Mr. Jones standing there with a somber but stern expression:

**MS. LEE**:

"Hello, Mr. Jones. What can I do for you?"

**MR. JONES**:

"Ms. Lee, I need to talk to you about something important. May I come in?"

**MS.LEE**:

"Of course, please have a seat." She gestured to a chair near her desk.

**Narrator:**

He walked in and closed the door behind him and handed Ms. Lee a folder with a piece of paper inside.

**MR. JONES**:

“This is a list of books that I want you to remove from the library immediately."

**Narrator:**

Let’s pause here…

Take a few minutes to discuss in small groups or reflect on your own: