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## Some Parents Want Blue Valley To Drop 14 Books

**District Expected To Make Decision Next Fall**

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**OVERLAND PARK, Kan. --** Parents packed a Blue Valley school board meeting Monday night to push the district to change its reading curriculum.

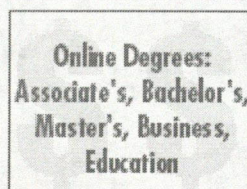
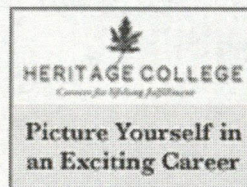


KMBC's Tom Corvin reported that they want 14 books, such as Toni Morrison's "Song of Solomon," removed from the reading list of advanced English classes. Some parents claim the books are too vulgar and suggestive.

"We don't want them sexually stimulated by what they're reading in the communication arts classrooms," a woman said.

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"It's not meant to be pornography. I think it's meant to represent some type of cultural background," said a former student.

Corvin reported that 500 parents signed a petition to have the reading list changed. The school board is reviewing the books, but won't have a decision until next fall.

#### **On The Internet:**

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