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Statement on instances of bias in our town and schools from the Denville Public Schools.

In recent months, we have been made aware of a small number of isolated instances when highly offensive language and symbols were used around the town of Denville and in our schools. Although infrequent, even one use of a racial, cultural, religious, or gender-related slur, in any form, is unacceptable and does not live up to the values of The Denville Township School District. Our schools need to be safe and welcoming spaces for everyone. Please use this opportunity to discuss with your child(ren) how words and symbols are powerful and when used inappropriately can be deeply hurtful to others. We will also continue to spread this message within our schools.

In early 2022, we will be hosting presentations for parents through our "Parent Academy for Student Success." Topics include "Addressing Bias, and Bias Based Bullying", "Raising Race Conscious Children", "Embracing All Families, Diversity and Inclusion" and "Suicide Prevention". We hope that you will join us for meaningful discussion on these important topics. Dates will be announced following Winter Break.