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Press Statement

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I would like to make a brief statement about the district's position on the horrendous, racially charged incident that took place at RHAM High School last Friday. I will not be taking questions, as there is an ongoing police investigation.

As a school district, we do not and will not tolerate harassment, or any other inappropriate conduct toward any of our students. That sort of behavior has absolutely no place in a school setting. When we became aware of the incident, we immediately contacted local and state authorities and are cooperating fully with the authorities.

Our goal is to provide for the wellbeing of all our students, to educate them about appropriate, inclusive, and respectful behaviors, and to ensure that our school community is free from conduct that targets any group or individual based on any aspect of their identity. Please know that anyone determined to be involved in this matter will be held accountable.

I would like to thank our teachers and staff members for their unwavering dedication to our students and the professionalism they have exhibited during this very challenging time. They continue to provide support to students and ensure that they have a safe space to learn and grow when coming to school each day.

RHAM community members can be assured that the physical and emotional safety of our children is the district's foremost concern. We are collaborating with community stakeholder organizations, including those that are here today, to enhance our efforts of fostering an inclusive school environment. We fully expect to leverage this opportunity to come together and address this issue through education, training, and community conversations.

Thank you for your support.