Dear Parents and Guardians,

There was an incident that occurred outside of school and was brought to our attention last Friday in the form of a highly inappropriate and racist conversation on Snapchat that involved students at Southwick Regional School. In the case of all matters of this nature, we have immediately begun an investigation while informing the Southwick Police Department, who are conducting an investigation of their own. As your partners in education and guardians of our school community, we feel it is crucial to address this matter with transparency, urgency, and a commitment to ensuring that such incidents do not happen again.

As a District, we will continue with our efforts to implement educational initiatives and resources to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within our schools. Support staff is available to students, families, and staff members affected by this incident; as we are deeply committed to creating an environment that is inclusive, respectful and safe for all.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation as we work together for the betterment of all students because racism and discrimination have no place in our school community.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Jennifer Willard