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STGRSD Superintendent Statement on Racist Conversation

SOUTHWICK, MA -- Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District Superintendent Jennifer Willard reports that on Monday, February 12, 2024, the District sent an email to the school community informing them of a “highly inappropriate and racist conversation on Snapchat that involved students at Southwick Regional School.” The community was informed that the District had begun an investigation while also informing them that the Southwick Police Department had been notified.

The District investigated the situation in accordance with its established policies and protocols. As of Friday, February 16, 2024, the District concluded its investigation; however, due to strict laws protecting student privacy, we are unable to comment on the specific disciplinary consequences and/or other steps taken by the District. We can assure the community that the District does issue consequences in accordance with our school code of conduct in these types of circumstances.

As stated in our original email to the community, the District firmly believes that racism and discrimination have no place in our school community.