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An important message from the Middle School and High School Principals:

Several adults have recently expressed concern over alleged anti-Semitism in the middle and high schools. We have investigated these allegations. We have each spoken with student leaders, faculty and staff members. Although we have each had one report of anti-Semitic behavior this year, neither of us has surfaced evidence of a pattern of such behavior. Indeed, students have commented that they have neither witnessed nor experienced such behavior. The one reported incident in each of our buildings was investigated carefully and handled in accordance with existing practices and guidelines.

We take pride in the safe and civil environments in our buildings. These environments are the product of a collaborative partnership involving students, faculty, staff and parents. We want to take every measure to safeguard the safety and comfort of our students. We routinely deal with inappropriate behaviors, including hurtful comments, in our buildings. These behaviors are always met with swift, firm and appropriate responses. We both work hard with our faculties and staffs to ensure everyone's well-being and the security of persons, property, and spirit. We are proud of the atmosphere of mutual respect that exists and is evident in both buildings.

We invite parents to continue working with us as full partners. If you are aware of behaviors that threaten the welfare and spirit of others, please contact us immediately so that we can respond in a timely and thorough manner.

With best regards,

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