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It has come to our attention that some students of the district have engaged in some past derogatory social media activity that resurfaced today. Charlotte Public Schools strongly condemns this hateful and racist commentary. This behavior is in no way welcome or tolerated in our schools. This does not represent Charlotte Public Schools, our students, or our school community.

Charlotte Public Schools is currently engaged in an in-depth investigation of the social media posts in question, including meeting with the families of any students involved.

We take these issues very seriously and are steadfast in our commitment to diversity and ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for all of our students and their families. Inclusion, tolerance and diversity is what makes our district, and our society as a whole, strong. We will continue to stand against these types of behaviors.

We take our role in educating students seriously and this includes helping students understand that words, written or spoken, are important and should not be used to discriminate or intimidate. We use a behavior expectation matrix that is designed to teach students how to interact with one another, with adults, and the school community at large. It is our expectation that all students adhere to these philosophies, and we support them in doing so.

Please see below for our district's policy on bullying and harassment, as well as our Charlotte High School student handbook. Instances like this will be met with swift and decisive action. If anyone has any additional information, concerns, or questions, we ask that you contact us at (517) 541-5100.

[5517.01 – Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students](#)

[Charlotte High School Handbook](#)