



PRIOR LAKE-SAVAGE
AREA SCHOOLS

A few weeks ago we all became aware of a racist video shared by a student on social media. The horrific, racist video continues to cause pain and hurt for all in our community, particularly our BIPOC students, staff and families. To be clear, our school does not tolerate racism or hate speech. Our hearts go out to the student victim and her family. We have been in contact with them and are seeking ways to support them.

Our focus continues to be on the safety and well-being of our students. We have been communicating regularly with our families, students and staff. We have been convening groups to share ideas, discuss opportunities and identify ways to provide a school environment that is safe, respectful and where every student feels a sense of belonging. We are listening to the voices and the needs of our students. This work will continue as we try to heal and move forward with work that will improve the lived experience for our students. We hope this experience can help us come together as a community, in solidarity, in support of our students and the environment of respect they all deserve.

Regarding the student seen in the video, that student is no longer enrolled in Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools. Per data privacy laws, we cannot share any details about the district's investigation or identify actions the District has taken to address student conduct as a result of its investigation. The Savage Police Department is continuing its investigation.

Moving forward we will continue to listen to one another and work together to provide a school environment that is safe, respectful, and where every student feels a sense of belonging.

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