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Dear Cherry Hill Public Schools Community,

The Cherry Hill Board of Education and the Cherry Hill Public School District are deeply disturbed by the surge in antisemitism locally, as well as around the U.S. and the world.

Whether experiencing it directly or via the news and social media, many of our students and our community members feel deeply hurt, threatened or confused by the vitriol and images of violence. Our guidance counselors and student assistance counselors are available via their email addresses on our school websites and will respond quickly to students and families who reach out. Additional support resources, including how to help children with traumatic events, are listed on the [Student Assistance page of our District website](#).

Our school district continues our daily work to provide a safe and welcoming environment in which our students learn and grow. We have [policies and practices](#) in place to make sure everyone in the Cherry Hill Public Schools community has the opportunity to learn and work in an environment where they are treated with dignity and respect, free from bullying or harassment. We do not discriminate on the basis of color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, veteran status or disability, and we continue our dedicated work in Cultural Proficiency, Equity and Character Education to ensure constant improvement in these vital aspects of education.

As superintendent, I can assure you that I am once again working with administration and staff, as well as community members, to increase our outreach during this painful time. Please join me in supporting one another, in being kind, and in speaking out against messages and actions of hate.

I want to remind that you may always reach out to me directly at jmeloche@chclc.org to share your thoughts or request a phone conversation.

Please stay safe and well.

Regards,

Dr. Joseph N. Meloche
Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools