

Cherry Hill Public Schools

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Dear East Community

We, as student leaders of the Cherry Hill High School East community, are deeply disheartened by the surge in hatred and violence over the past week in our school. What is crucial to understand is that, beneath the surface, we share more similarities than differences. In these challenging times, we must view our fellow peers not as adversaries but as the individuals we've grown up alongside since kindergarten. There are no sides in this situation; it's solely our school united against intolerance.

We also urge all students to consider the power and responsibility of their actions. Let's be sources of support, respect, and empathy. When you see someone struggling, reach out, offer a listening ear, and extend a hand of friendship. By building a culture of kindness and understanding, we can foster an environment in which everyone feels safe, valued, and respected. It's through our actions that we can make a difference in our community.

To anyone who has felt uncomfortable coming to school, we extend our most sincere apologies. Your well-being and peace of mind are of paramount importance to us, and we are committed to ensuring that every member of our school community feels safe, respected, and valued. Together, we stand united against any form of harassment, and we are dedicated to creating an inclusive and nurturing environment for all.

In addition, we acknowledge that recent events in the Middle East have garnered significant attention and concern. It would be ignorant not to address these global issues. Our school community is a microcosm of the world, and it's essential to recognize that events far beyond our borders can impact our students and families. We encourage open, respectful dialogue and understanding of these complex global issues to foster empathy, tolerance, and peace within our diverse school community. As we walk through these halls, let's share a commitment to create a better tomorrow for all.

Warmly,
Jewish Student Union,
Muslim Student Association,
Middle Eastern North African Association