



YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As many of you are aware, there have been reports of students at York County School of Technology being harassed and intimidated based on race and ethnicity. As a result of these concerns, we partnered with representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and school psychologists from the Lincoln Intermediate Unit to clarify facts, dispel rumors, and give students a safe space to discuss their concerns.

It has been emphasized to all students that it is important to report all incidents of harassment. If any student has been harassed or has witnessed another student being harassed, we are strongly encouraging those students to complete an incident report, available through the high school office, and return it to school staff as soon as possible. They can also report issues directly to Officer Price, our School Resource Officer.

There have been additional police officers present as a precaution to increase security throughout the campus. Also, psychologists from the Lincoln Intermediate Unit will return on Monday to collaborate with our school counseling staff and provide additional support to students as needed.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to help all students feel safe and understood. If your child shares with you that he/she feels unsafe, please contact administration so we can address issues accordingly. We are working with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to develop culturally diverse and multicultural programming so all students feel safe and included.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Thomas".

Dr. David W. Thomas, Director