



February 7, 2019

Dear Annapolis and Broadneck High School Parents and Guardians:

We are writing, first and foremost, to thank you and your children for the many encouraging ways in which you have reacted to the events of Monday night on social media. The response from both of our student bodies has been overwhelmingly positive and helped to move each of our schools forward.

In the last several days, we have seen many instances of students and staff members supporting each other and helping each other understand the hurt that has existed. We have also had outreach between schools to help build bridges.

As we had arranged on Tuesday morning, Mr. Todd met with members of the Annapolis High School basketball team yesterday to offer apologies on behalf of Broadneck High School, but more importantly to let Annapolis players know they are valued members of our community. He encouraged them to work through their anger and hurt, and to rise to the greatness within each of them. Further, we have each pledged to support both schools in any way possible.

Over the last few days, we have also had reports of more online posts that contain disparaging remarks that appear to be aimed at students from both of our schools. Please know that we have investigated every single one that has come to our attention. To date, though we have found posts that originated in Florida and California, we have not found any posts that we have determined have been made by students at either of our schools.

We urge parents and students to continue to report posts that they see to an administrator or police as soon as possible. However, please do not share or repost them. To do so only perpetuates the issue, especially if no one from either school is found to be involved.

Our schools have much of which to be proud. Our students are outstanding members of our communities. We are more than neighbors. We share an incredible Performing and Visual Arts magnet program. It is that same sense of sharing that we need most now. Please continue to share your support for students at both of our schools. Only then will we move past this issue and focus our entire attention on helping our students reach their full potential

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Gelinas'.

Patrick Gelinas
Acting Principal
Annapolis High School

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Jim Todd'.

Jim Todd
Principal
Broadneck High School

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