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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, November 16, 2021, some of our high school students engaged in a safe and orderly walkout where they openly talked about working to address racism in our schools and community. They did an excellent job sharing a message that continues to be part of ongoing discussions across our schools, region, state and country.

The high school administration, staff and students are collectively working to ensure this event becomes a catalyst for continued work, effort, and dialogue spearheaded through the High School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Equity for all remains an important focus for East Lyme Public Schools. It is one of the four key areas in our [2021/2022 District and School Improvement Plans](#).

East Lyme High School, along with our other schools, do an outstanding job educating and supporting our students. We will never waiver in our commitment to excellence, and we take pride in the fact that student voice was used today to help assist in our continued work toward equity.

I want to commend the high school administration, staff, and students for coming together this week to further open the door and enhance communication and collaboration. This is an important step as we continue our work in supporting an equitable environment for all.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-739-3966 ext. 5602.

Sincerely,

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