



Lake Worth Independent School District

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Lake Worth ISD Concludes Internal Investigation

Lake Worth, Texas: Over the weekend, Lake Worth Independent School District was notified that a Lake Worth High School Varsity football player allegedly used a racial slur during a game that had taken place at Lake Worth High School on Friday, September 25th, 2020. Lake Worth High School administration had plans to begin an internal investigation on Monday, September 28th, 2020, however a group of student-athletes and parents arrived at the school that morning to protest. After meeting with parents and students, Lake Worth High School administrators began the internal investigation. That investigation has concluded, and corrective actions have been taken.

Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the student's identity and corrective actions cannot be shared with students, families, or the public.

Lake Worth ISD understands the importance of having a safe environment for students and staff that allows for honest conversations. On Wednesday, September 30th, 2020, the district had guest speaker Dr. Nathaniel Hearne at Lake Worth High School to speak with student-athletes, coaches, and parents with a focus on engaging in conversation that will unify the district and community. Lake Worth ISD also has plans for more guest speakers, which will be open to all parents/guardians of LWISD students.

“The student-athletes have shown a lot of maturity during this time, and true leaders have emerged this week. We are proud of these young men and the steps they have taken to heal their fractured team,” said Dr. Neshyba after the meetings.

“Although we will continue to work at building trust and repairing relationships, I believe this exercise was a good first step for our team to begin moving forward,” said Coach Welch after the student event.

Lake Worth Independent School District proudly serves over 3,300 students in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

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