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Dear Tenafly Community,

The events of the past few days have struck us to the core.

The Board has been working with the Superintendent since we learned of the situation and will continue to do so until every aspect is explored. We need to allow our administration the space and time they need to do this work. For now, like many of you, we have many questions that we trust will be answered when the facts are presented to us.

What we do know is that we must protect our students and staff and afford everyone due process before passing judgment. At the heart of this is a young student.

We also know that we are proud to live in a community that denounces racism and Anti-Semitism of any kind. This is embedded into the core of our district's beliefs. Anti-Semitic behavior or language, hate speech, and racist rhetoric have no home in Tenafly Public Schools.

Please allow the district the time necessary to develop a full understanding of what happened and what action may be necessary. Until then, please remember - this community is our home. This is painful for all of us. Please treat each other with respect and kindness.

This is a fast-moving situation, and one that we will communicate on as we continue to learn more within the next day or two.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jocelyn S', written in a cursive style.

Jocelyn Schwarz
President, Tenafly Board of Education