



# WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Westport Community Parents/ Guardians:

*"Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."*

Tomorrow marks the 60th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, arguably one of the most significant speeches in American History. As the last speaker at the March on Washington event ending at the Lincoln Memorial, most would credit this event and, specifically, Reverend King's speech with the passing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, which ended segregation in public places and banned employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. It is considered one of the crowning legislative achievements of the civil rights movement.

And yet, two days away from the 60th anniversary of this seminal event, three people were murdered in a racially-motivated shooting in Jacksonville, Florida. The shooter, a 20-something-year-old racist coward, killed three black people shopping at a Dollar Store. He left three hateful manifestos spewing his racist ignorance.

These despicable acts of racially motivated violence indicate that despite our advances to eliminate bigotry in all forms from our society, we still have much work to do.

As discussed at Friday's staff convocation, we must demonstrate to our students and families each minute of each day that there is no room for hate at Westport Community Schools.

As our students look to us for direction (as they always do), in times of difficulty and turmoil, we must model that behavior of inclusiveness and empathy that will be a bulwark against the disgusting actions and thoughts of the disturbed individuals who perpetrate these hateful actions.

I speak for the entire Westport School Community when I reiterate that hate has no place at our schools or events.

I also know that we stand united in our collective abhorrence of hate generally, regardless of its etymology, and will work each day to create an environment of caring and empathy that makes our schools such a great place for students to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

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