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Message from Dr. Henderson

CGHS Parents, Faculty, and Students,

As you may be aware, photos circulating on social media are overshadowing the hard work put forth by both Center Grove's and Westfield's football programs in Saturday night's state championship. This incident is disappointing and hurtful and does not represent the sportsmanship or values that our team, school, and community stand for. On behalf of Center Grove High School and our Athletic Program, I apologize for this behavior. We expect better and will work hard to ensure that this type of incident never happens again.

We all must recognize the impact our words, photos, and actions can have on others. As a school community, we must all work together to unite and not divide. I have spoken with Westfield's principal to assure her that Center Grove will not tolerate racism or harassment of any kind. We follow our student handbook as we investigate allegations and issue discipline accordingly. Student discipline information is a protected record under FERPA and cannot be released to the public.

We thank those parents, community members, and students who reached out to us to report this specific incident and encourage anyone to report situations of racism, harassment, or bullying to a trusted adult or via our anonymous <u>Safe Schools</u> reporting system.

Your Partner in Education, Dr. Jeffry M. Henderson, Principal Center Grove High School



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