

October 22, 2024

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Statement Regarding Northside High School and  
Arlington Heights High School Investigation**

At Fort Worth ISD, we are committed to fostering a safe, positive, and respectful environment for all students, staff, and community members. We are appalled by the recent incident of racist and disrespectful behavior directed toward our North Side High School students during the September 13, 2024, football game between North Side High School and Arlington Heights High School. Such actions are completely unacceptable and go against the core values of our district.

We want to make it unequivocally clear that Fort Worth ISD will not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment, or hate speech of any kind. For anyone found responsible for engaging in such behavior there will be severe consequences which may include suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary measures.

After the unacceptable behavior was reported, the District investigated. Guided by Fort Worth ISD Board Policy FFH, the District's investigation of the incident ensured every student's right to be free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. We commend the students who came forward and shared their experiences and for the cooperation from students at both campuses during the investigation.

The investigation involved conducting interviews and reviewing statements from students and staff at both schools. Despite these efforts, the District Investigator was unable to identify who made the racially charged statements to the cheerleaders.

While these incidents are deeply troubling, we recognize that the actions of a few individuals do not reflect the values and behavior of our entire campus or FWISD community. We believe our students and staff are committed to creating a positive and respectful environment.

In an effort to address continued concerns from the Fort Worth ISD community and to ensure that this matter is addressed thoroughly, the District has initiated a third-party investigation of the District's investigation findings.

We stand with our students and families in condemning these actions and will continue to work tirelessly to create a school environment at every campus where every student feels valued, respected, and safe.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we address this critical issue.