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Dear Cheltenham Community,

I am disappointed to learn of racist text messages targeting school-aged children that [have been reported](#) in states across the country. The racist nature of these text messages is disturbing, and I am even more concerned that the text messages are targeting children. Even though it appears no one in our Cheltenham School District community has been directly impacted, I know surrounding school districts are dealing with this, and, out of an abundance of caution, wanted you to be aware.

In Cheltenham, we believe our diversity is a strength and an asset; each individual has equal human value; and a secure and safe environment and peaceful conflict resolution are essential to learning and society. Racist language, hate speech, violence and hatred have no place in this world or Cheltenham Schools.

Cheltenham School District is committed to providing a safe environment where our community members feel welcome, valued, and accepted. Our [school counselors](#) are available to talk with any students who are fearful or concerned.

Please report any concerns regarding hate, harassment, or safety to building administration immediately. If you or your child believe you have received a text message such as that referenced above, please contact the Cheltenham Township Police Department.

Respectfully,

Dr. Brian W. Scriven
Superintendent of Schools