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The York County School Division is aware of the concerns raised by a middle school parent and reported in a national media outlet. We take this matter seriously, as we do all student concerns brought to our attention. Allegations of this nature are deeply concerning and the identified behaviors are unacceptable.

We would like to assure our community that the school administration took immediate steps to investigate the report and that appropriate disciplinary actions were taken in accordance with the division's student conduct code, division policies, and procedures.

As federal laws that protect student privacy restrict school staff from providing information regarding individual students or specific disciplinary matters, we are not able to share additional information on the actions taken by staff in this case. However, the range of consequences outlined in our student conduct code can include short-term suspension, long-term suspension, alternate placement, and expulsion.

The York County School Division believes every student is entitled to a safe and welcoming school environment free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Racism and bullying have no place in our schools and will not be tolerated. Students are given information and counseling on appropriate and acceptable behavior throughout the school year. Additionally, every staff member in the division is required to participate in annual anti-bullying training.

We recognize that racism, bullying and other issues impact our entire school community. Our division leadership team will continue to work closely with school administrators to address the concerns of our students and families. We encourage any students, parents, or staff members to share their concerns with their school administrator or via the anonymous hotline, 890-5000, or through the [Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination form](#) available on the division website.

