



Appleton Area School District

Preparing Our Students for Their Future

Every Child, Every Day

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Dear AASD Parents/Guardians/Community Members:

Last school year, we began to hear from some of our students about concerns regarding statements focused on such things as ethnicity and religious beliefs made during the presidential campaign. With the presidential election process now complete, we are hearing similar concerns. These concerns have caused students within our schools (at all grade levels) to feel unsure about their futures and the degree to which they are welcome in our schools and community. Please know that we, as an entire school district, are committed to do our very best to reassure every student in the AASD that they are welcome, safe, and supported in our schools.

While we will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to provide a safe and welcoming school environment for all of our 16,500 students in the AASD, we also know that there will be situations where a student may hear a comment from a fellow student that makes them feel unsafe, unwelcome, or unsupported. The comment may be intentional or unintentional, may be face-to-face, overheard, or part of a text or other social media message. I want to be perfectly clear that when these situations occur, our staff will follow up diligently, keeping the well-being of our students first and foremost in our minds. To this end, we ask you to assist us by immediately reporting any such concerns that come to your attention. Reports can be made directly to your child's school administrator or other staff member or at the District level by calling 920-832-6126.

A safe welcoming school environment for all 16,500 students is at the foundation of what we do. Therefore, we remain committed to providing a school culture that values diversity in our student body. As a District, we believe that diversity is our greatest strength! This vision is not easy to achieve and requires never-ending effort on the part of all members of our community.

Thank you for your partnership in providing the very best learning environment for each and every one of our students in the AASD.

Sincerely,

Lee Allinger
Superintendent of Schools
Appleton Area School District