Dear PLSAS Staff and Families,

This morning we received allegations of a disturbing, racist video that was posted on social media. Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (PLSAS) will not tolerate racism and hate speech. Once the video was brought to our attention, we immediately launched an investigation into the students involved, and we will take swift and appropriate action.

This is something that impacts all of us in the community and we recognize the pain and hurt that is a result. At PLSAS, our top priority is to provide safe, supportive and inclusive learning environments for all students. One of our Core Values in PLSAS is to value ourselves, each other and our world across all differences. This is part of the fabric of our Strategic Plan, written with the help of our stakeholders, and it remains our promise to our community.

Today, the Principal of PLHS, Dr. John Bezek, sent a message to all students addressing the video and asking students to reflect on our values and what it means to be a welcoming and inclusive school. Staff also gathered together with some student leaders to discuss ways we can move forward in a safe and respectful learning and working environment.

Please know that we will continue our work, and welcome your partnership, to ensure that all students feel safe, respected and loved in our schools.

Be well,

Teri Staloch, Ed. D. Superintendent