

Correspondence received by the Concord Select
Board

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To The Concord Select Board, The Concord-Carlisle School Committee and The Concord Bridge -

Concord and CCHS have NO PLACE FOR HATE! We must do more to support our neighbors and our children, standing up against anti-semitism and all hate, and ultimately create places of living and learning where all feel safe, welcome, and supported.

I am writing as a mother, a resident of Concord for 3 years and of Carlisle for 12 years prior. I have 4 current/former CCHS students. It is incredibly concerning to read about anti-semitic incidents in the ADL lawsuit. The experience of the student targeted - and of the parents seeking support and change - is horrifying, heartbreaking and unacceptable. Repeated incidences of swastikas and hateful graffiti at CCHS make clear that this is a broader, ongoing issue.

While seeing a compelling need for change, I've also been encouraged in recent years by many actions on the part of the CCHS community - teachers, administrators, students, families - to promote inclusion and equity. We must double down on those efforts now. In today's world of repeated hateful violence and anti-semitism, and given recent issues at CCHS, more is needed. I call upon our town leaders and school administrators to lead the way.

I also hear some call for Laurie Hunter's resignation. I don't believe this is the timely answer, either as a CCHS parent or a professional with deep leadership and organizational change experience. I believe Dr. Hunter has done great things for our schools and has led us well through many challenges. I also believe that she can do more, and must be held accountable for building a true culture of inclusion and intolerance for hate.

Let's come together with Dr. Hunter and the CCHS team to identify and implement actions to create a safer, more welcoming CCHS.

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