

## Statement on Racial Incident

April 27, 2021

This afternoon the Coatesville Area School District was made aware of a heinous photo circulating on social media of some of our middle school student athletes wearing white Klan hoods. The photo, showing some Black and white members of one of our girls' sports teams, was photo-shopped to place hoods on some of the students.

The Coatesville Area School District vehemently condemns the creation and distribution of these racist, hateful images. Our school district is one that celebrates its rich diversity and strives to create the most inclusive, welcoming educational community possible. As soon as this photo was discovered we began a full investigation, involved local police, and reached out to our local NAACP. We are extremely disappointed that this image was circulated, and we are sorry for the stress and pain this incident places on our school community. We will continue to investigate this matter and will communicate next steps as soon as we learn more information. Our counselors will be available in school this week to discuss this matter with any students who would like support.