

Great Lakes Secondary School

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On Thursday March 10th, there was an alleged racist incident which occurred at the junior boys' basketball championship involving some of the Great Lakes Secondary School fans. We are aware that the alleged comments made were vulgar and racist in nature and directed at individuals from the John McGregor Secondary School community.

On behalf of Great Lakes staff, students, and community, I would like to extend our sincerest apologies to the John McGregor players, coaches, and fans, especially to those specifically targeted. We do not tolerate nor condone this behaviour at Great Lakes and have launched a full investigation into the occurrence. We will be sharing our findings with the Sarnia Police youth bureau and follow-up accordingly with those involved.

Moving forward, we are developing a plan to address this behaviour and educate our student body with the support of local groups, such as the Sarnia Lambton Alliance Against Hate. We understand that incidents such as this have a significant impact on those victimized by the incident, those in attendance at the event, and the overall school climate for the schools involved. We are devoted to developing and maintaining a mutually respectful, inclusive, and equitable community where acts like this will not be tolerated.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Stewart

Principal

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