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District statement about video circulating online

Dear families and community members,

Please see the statement below regarding a video circulating online involving one of our district administrators.

Upper Arlington Schools and the Upper Arlington Board of Education are committed to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and ensuring our schools are places where every student is welcomed, respected, celebrated and supported while receiving the highest quality education. This is a crucial part of ensuring that we live out our mission — to challenge and support every student, every step of the way.

While we remain committed to DEI, critical race theory is not part of the district’s academic program. The district follows the state learning standards and all laws in effect related to public education.

The district is aware of an online video that presents a recording of Matthew Boaz, the executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion. At this point, we know the video was recorded with a hidden camera and under false pretenses by a man and woman who claimed to be interested in enrolling a student. The couple guided the conversation to focus on the topic of critical race theory, which again, is not taught or used in the district.

We take this matter very seriously and continue to examine the circumstances surrounding the video and the statements made therein.

Sincerely,

Kathy Jenney, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent, Upper Arlington Schools

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