



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

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The members of the School Board of Lee County believe that public schools and elected officials have a responsibility to ensure the highest ideals of inclusion and that human dignity is upheld at all levels of public education. In that light, we are saddened by the recent public remarks of one of our members.

It is important for the public to understand that neither the law nor board policy allow for one individual Board Member to speak for the entire Board. There are seven of us that make up the School Board of Lee County. When an individual Board Member makes comments, those are that person's personal comments and should not be deemed reflective of the Board in its entirety. When the School Board speaks we do so as a united board.

We as members of the Lee County School Board stand steadfast in our commitment to foster an inclusive educational environment where the Guatemalan community and all communities are treated with dignity and respect by all members of the educational community including their elected representatives. The School Board of Lee County is committed to being a world-class school system and to ensuring that each student (without regard to race, ethnicity, religious belief, national origin, disability, ancestry, socio-economic status, gender, or sexual orientation) achieves his/her highest personal potential.

Respectfully,

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