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Dear Franklin High School Community,

Earlier today, we received a report from Sharon High School that last night, at the varsity baseball game, Franklin High spectators were out at left field heckling outfielders using language and slurs that were homophobic, racist, and anti-Semitic. We denounce such behavior and are outraged. Our hearts go out to the Sharon community. There is no place for such behavior in our schools and at school events. This behavior is highly inconsistent with our core values and the inclusive culture we are committed to creating at Franklin High School.

It was reported that student fans were standing along the fence in the left field outfield area. The report from Sharon explained that the coaches and players on the Franklin Baseball team were not part of the incident.

We immediately began an investigation and we are actively seeking to identify the persons responsible. We have also contacted the Franklin Police Department. We are collaborating with Sharon High School administration and providing full cooperation and assistance to the police. Both Superintendents have been in contact with each other as well. This incident was reported to the Anti-Defamation League and I've been in touch with ADL leadership for support with our response. We ask anyone with information regarding last evening's game to please reach out to me.

As soon as our investigation is concluded we will provide more information, within the limitations of laws regarding confidentiality and privacy. Individuals identified as being responsible will face disciplinary consequences and education in accordance with the Franklin High School Handbook. We will also take appropriate steps to remedy the negative impact of these acts on the school community and restore a sense of safety and support for all.

We recognize that this news brings pain and fear to our school community and we are committed to making sure our students feel safe and supported. We will be offering the following supports as the investigation insues:

- Students and faculty/staff have the opportunity to meet with an administrator/counselor to process their feelings on Monday.
- FHS is increasing its supervision at our events to assure a safe and supportive environment for all participants.

Once again, anyone with information regarding this incident should contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Joshua Hanna