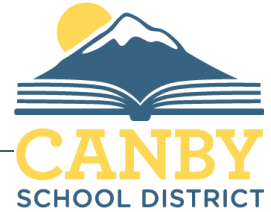


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STATEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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I've been made aware of a social media post that called for violence against those with opposing political ideologies, and an apparent comment of support from a Canby School Board Director. The post also used a term that is a version of a word that is wrongly used to describe students experiencing disability. It is never acceptable to call for violence or to use targeted language that may be offensive. After the event of January 6th in our nation's capital, all of us should recognize the importance of our words.

The Canby School District has a [Civility Policy, KAA](#), that states:

"The district believes that a safe, civil environment is essential to high student and staff achievement, to the free exchange of ideas central to a quality educational process, and to the development of youth as thoughtful participants in our democracy. Conversely, uncivil conduct, like other forms of disruptive behavior, interferes with a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students."

The apparent comment of support from a school board member strays far from the intent of our policy. We are committed to a safe and inclusive learning environment. Any district leader or staff member who does not share this same commitment does not represent our values and should evaluate why they choose to represent our district, our staff, our students, and our community.

Please know, the individual actions of a school board member reflect their individual beliefs and do not reflect the position of the Canby School District. No one school board member speaks for the entire board or the school district.

I will continue to advocate for an inclusive and civil approach as we serve all students and all families in the Canby School District.

Trip Goodall
Superintendent
Canby School District