

STATEMENT OF ANTI-RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY

December 14, 2020

“We are heartbroken and angry that someone entered a Zoom meeting with parents last Friday spewing racist hate speech, forcing the meeting to be shut down. We strongly condemn this act. Hate has no place in our Athol-Royalston community; it hurts all of us. We send this message inviting all of us -- our colleagues, our students, our neighbors, our community leaders -- to join together to condemn acts of hatred in our community. Racism is not acceptable and we stand against it. Acts like this only make us more -- not less -- committed to actively working together against racism.”

Parents of AHS Class of 2024

Parents of AHS Class of 2022

ACES Parents of the Class of 2030

ARRSD Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Royalston Community School Parent Teacher Group

ARRSD School Committee members: Lee Chauvette, Chuck Pretti, Tammy Duquette, Carla Rabinowitz, Mitch Grosky, Deb Kuzmeskas, Nancy Melbourne, Ken Vaidulas and William Chaisson

ARRSD Equity Team

ARRSD Administrative Team

Athol Teachers' Association

Royalston Select Board

Athol Selectboard members: Stephen Raymond, William Chaisson, Lee Chauvette, and chair Rebecca Bialecki

Athol Board of Health Tobacco Control Alliance

Athol Public Library

Phinehas S. Newton Library and the Friends of the Phinehas S. Newton Library

Ladies' Benevolent Society of Royalston

Valuing Our Children

Athol-Royalston Education Foundation

The Athol Board of Health

Athol Health Department

Royalston Police Department

Athol Town Manager, Shaun A. Suhoski

Athol Town Fire Chief, Joseph Guarnera

Athol Police Chief, Craig A Lundgren

Phil Leger, Royalston Board of Health chair

Rebecca Krause-Hardie, Royalston tax collector

Jon Hardie, Royalston IT director

Stephen Chase, Royalston Board of Assessors chair

Susannah Whipps, Representative - 2nd Franklin District

State Senator Jo Comerford

State Senator Anne Gobi

Joan Putnam Hamlett

Kate Collins and George Northrop

Lonnie, Matt, Jack, and Jenna Bonenfant

Elaine, Jason and Sadie Gauthier and Jacob Knowles

Elizabeth Brighenti

Gordon Morrison

Tom Musco

Laurie Parker

Ruth Suyenaga and Mark Shoul

Angela, Nicolas and Kaitlyn Rossi

Phil Rabinowitz

Shirley Mitchell

Bert, Christine, Elizabeth and Samantha Mailloux