

Dr. Glenn White, Superintendent
2021Floyd County Schools
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Dr. White,

It has come to the attention of the local chapter of the NAACP that recently there have been a series of alleged racial incidents involving students at Coosa High School and perhaps other schools as well, during which flagrant, egregious racial animus has been publicly expressed and displayed.

One example of such student behavior is as follows: students have been observed reenacting the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer on social media in a derogatory, mocking manner. This report is very disturbing. If true, it reveals a dangerous, racially-focused hatred and threat to African-American students in the Floyd County School system.

We request that you investigate these allegations in a thorough manner to determine the extent of this kind of behavior among Floyd County students and then to share your conclusions with the local NAACP chapter. While sharing your conclusions, please outline the response of school leadership to reports of such behavior.

Additionally, we would like to know what pro-active measures the Floyd County school system is taking to model and teach the core American value that all human beings are created equal and are thus deserving of respect and dignity while attending public institutions.

We are bringing our concerns to your attention in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation. However, we also know that mere good intentions fall woefully short in producing positive social outcomes without clear-eyed, robust programs and policies to foster a just and healthy social environment.

Thank you for attending to our concerns.

Yours truly,

Sara Dahlice Malone
Chairperson, Rome/Floyd County Chapter, NAACP

cc: Dr. Tony Daniel, Floyd County School Board Chair
Mr. Jay Shell, Board Member, Coosa District