



We were very saddened to see the recent videos circulating around social media of alleged McCracken County high School students using the N-Word toward students of Paducah City Schools. We are not just saddened, but upset that children think that it is okay to use such a racist epithet. We are aware that Superintendent Steve Carter and Paducah Public Schools have issued a statement denouncing this event. We are also aware that due to federal law (FERPA) we know that any private information concerning students cannot be shared. We do hope that this behavior is not characteristic of the McCracken student body. We hope that the students involved will be held accountable for their actions as this is a highly offensive matter.

The N-word is a terrible racial epithet and to this day is a term that is hurtful, offensive, and blatantly racist. We would make the appeal to the students and their families that not only is this behavior offensive, but is highly damaging to one's personal character and has serious repercussions. We should be trying to build a more diverse community and student body where students feel comfortable in the color of their skin. Not tearing people down through racially offensive language through social media.

The NAACP would like to extend the opportunity for dialogue on this matter and is willing to work with McCracken County Schools to promote a racially safe environment for students. We hope to work with Mr. Carter and McCracken County Schools to promote diversity and an environment where all students are respected.

Sincerely,  
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