



Ancaster High School

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Dear students,

World events can and are having an impact on many of our staff and students. The current crisis and tragic loss of lives occurring due to the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict is no different.

At Ancaster High, our thoughts are with all those affected, particularly those who may have family in the area and are worrying about their safety, as well as with those Palestinians and Israelis who are experiencing violence firsthand.

HWDSB staff have reached out to our community partners, including the Muslim Association of Hamilton and the Hamilton Jewish Federation.

On May 13, supports for students who may have experienced bullying, harassment or discrimination were shared through the Director's office inviting staff to share a workshop with students. The Library Learning Commons (LLC) created a poster for this event, but in no way was responsible for the origin of this workshop or the content therein. The way this message was shared did not acknowledge all nations and religions impacted. We apologize for the harm this caused and understand why it has caused concern. We appreciate those who encouraged us to reflect on the matter.

Our caring staff at Ancaster High can support our students who may be struggling during this time. You may also reach out using the HWDSB Helps app for iOS and Android or text 905-963-0066 (standard rates apply).

Every Ancaster student belongs at this school. We all have a role in creating a culture where all students and staff are safe, supported and accepted.

Please reach out to a teacher, vice-principal or me if you need to talk or receive supports. Together, we will continue to support student well-being and ensure that students reach their full potential in a diverse world.

Sincerely,
Ms. B. Woof