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Thursday, March 16, 2023

Dear Arlington Heights School District 25 Community:

We felt compelled to write to you following Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting. The agenda included a legal update related to District 25's Library Media Center (LMC) Policy. We know that this is a topic that many of our families, staff, and community members have paid close attention to.

The Board of Education is dedicated to hearing the diverse perspectives of our community. We have appreciated receiving input regarding the LMC policy via emails, phone calls, and during the Community Input section of our meetings. The Board gives great consideration to all input received from our District 25 constituents.

We wanted to make you aware that during this week's board meeting a speaker made false and egregiously disparaging statements about our LMC staff during Community Input. The Board continues to stress that participants be respectful and courteous, and refrain from making statements that are personally disrespectful or condescending to members of our staff.

Our staff in our LMCs are an invaluable part of the District 25 family. They are dedicated professionals, committed to serving and educating our students. They have provided exceptional expertise in their roles and genuine care for our students, and we are confident they will continue to do so. We are proud of our District 25 school libraries and grateful for the staff and parent volunteers who work tirelessly to make them engaging learning spaces every single day.

We want to take this opportunity to remind our district community members that we welcome you to our board meetings with the expectation of mutual respect and courtesy. We appreciate your positive involvement in our schools, your support of our staff and students, and your care for your neighbors and our school district. Together we can continue to make this a great place to live, learn, and work.

Thank you for partnering with us today to transform tomorrow.

Dr. Anisha I. Jogee
President, Board of Education

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Superintendent

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