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A STATEMENT FROM COLCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT JEFFREY BURT

COLCHESTER – Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – “Following our investigation into allegations of offensive comments and negative behavior by Bacon Academy parents at the end of the girls’ basketball game at Ledyard High School Saturday night, we believe this behavior did take place and included racial taunts by some adults aimed at opposing youth players. This is unacceptable, and stands directly against our school system’s commitment to common decency and sportsmanship.

“On behalf of Bacon Academy and our community, I offer our full and sincere apology to the Ledyard High School basketball players who were the targets of this abuse, as well as their families—this behavior does not meet the standards we promote in the Colchester schools, and we must do better. This is why we are examining this incident and taking the opportunity to review and improve the climate and culture of our entire school community.

“We have become aware that Bacon Academy athletes who played in the game have been targets of social media harassment. As a result of our collaborative investigation with Ledyard Public Schools, we can confirm there is no evidence that the student-athletes took part in the negative behavior. We ask for the online harassment of these students to end immediately.”

Jeffrey E. Burt, Superintendent of Schools, Colchester