

DRAFT CEC3 Statement Regarding the February 10, 2026 Incident

The Community Education Council for District 3 (CEC3) feels compelled to address a serious incident that occurred during our February 10, 2026 Calendar and Business meeting.

Our meetings are intended to be open and welcoming spaces where community members—students, parents, and educators alike—can feel empowered to speak, advocate, and engage in meaningful dialogue about our schools. Unfortunately, during this meeting, an individual on Zoom made racially offensive remarks. Regardless of intent, these comments were deeply harmful and wholly unacceptable. That such remarks were made while a student was courageously offering public comment makes this incident even more troubling.

CEC3 unequivocally condemns the remarks made during the meeting. They do not represent the values, mission, or principles that guide our work. Our council stands firmly for respect, dignity, and inclusion. No student or community member should ever be subjected to language that is demeaning and demoralizing. We are resolutely committed to fostering an environment where advocacy thrives, and every voice is heard without fear or harm.

As demonstrated both in person and in the Zoom comments that followed, our community stands united in its belief in respect, dignity, inclusion, and equity and in its commitment to supporting all students and their families. Advocacy is central to our duty on this Council; we should make a space that actively encourages others to raise their voices. Moving forward, CEC3 will take every step necessary to ensure a respectful and affirming environment at all of our meetings.

Together, we will continue building a community rooted in empathy, accountability, and the shared goal of equitable education for every child.