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Select Board Statement on Incident at Gates Middle School

As the elected leaders of Scituate, the Select Board will not tolerate acts that demean or belittle others based upon race, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation or religion nor will we tolerate messages of hate or violence against any resident, student, business, or guest. This week several middle school students were discovered to have created a private document on a school platform which included hateful and hurtful language and images contrary to the community's commitment to eradicating this behavior in our town. We are deeply disturbed by the actions taken by those involved in this incident.

The Select Board supports the School Administration, School Committee, and Police Department as they fully investigate this disturbing situation and take appropriate action to ensure that this type of behavior does not occur again in our community.

As an inclusive community, we must stand together in condemning acts of violence and hate and join together to support those in our community who are victimized by such acts.