



**Peekskill City School District**  
***A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day***

*The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate students in a caring, inspiring environment characterized by a spirit of excellence and high expectations; prepare graduates to meet or exceed standards; graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity; and prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community.*

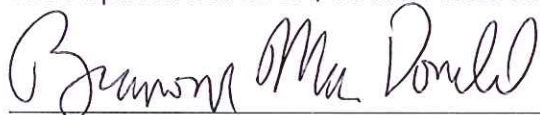
**Board of Education**

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We, as a Board of Education, condemn the voices of hatred and violence that were so graphically and sadly displayed during the recent events in Charlottesville, VA. The Peekskill City School District is a beacon of cultural acceptance that cherishes our diversity as a strength reflecting the principles of freedom, liberty, and democracy and embrace the true meaning of E Pluribus Unum – "we are a community of many uniting as one".

Therefore, as a Board of Education, we categorically reject equating neo Nazism, White Supremacists and the KKK with the Americans who stood for the principles of our Nation against racism, anti-Semitism and hate. In the face of uncertain times, it is our responsibility to educate and prepare our students to be the future leaders in our nation. Therefore, we call for our schools to embrace, reinforce, and strengthen the tenets of democracy, equality, and deep respect for individual differences that define our school system.


  
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