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CIVILITY POLICY

Purpose:

As elected public officials, the members of the Lincoln School Committee recognize the importance of conducting their public business in a manner that recognizes the importance of mutual respect and civility. This same expectation of orderly conduct applies to all district employees, contracted personnel, those serving in an official school district capacity, students, parents, and the public.

It is the intent of the Lincoln School Committee to promote and support culture and practice of civility in all schools and school-related settings, through its own internal and external communications, as well as in the manner in which it conducts its business in accordance with Rhode Island Law. Informed debate, healthy dialogue, disagreements, and informed public opinion are to be expected and are accepted forms of interaction in a democratic society. Disruptive, volatile, hostile, and maligning communications or aggressive, mean spirited actions are not acceptable.

While protecting the right to freedom of expression, the intent of the policy is to maintain, to the greatest extent reasonably possible, a safe, harassment-free environment for conducting the business of the School Committee.

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