



ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

Inspiring personal excellence.

Dr. Bradford Hubbard, Superintendent

Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34 Stakeholder,

It is with a heavy heart and a myriad of emotions that I write this evening. After nearly ten months of navigating the incredibly challenging reality that the global pandemic forced upon us and a summer fraught with civil unrest and unease, today we have played witness to an attack on our Nation's democracy. As we grapple with feelings of sadness, frustration, outrage, concern, confusion, and so much more, it is important that you know that as a District, we stand united, strong, and resolute for, in, and with this community.

In the face of difference, loss, uncertainty, strife, turmoil, and disruption, we must be explicit about and intentional in embracing understanding, grace, hope, gratitude, love, and each other.

I am deeply thankful for and proud of the leaders and officials that defended our institutions today and tonight in Washington D.C. In watching them gather, show resolve, and refuse to waver from their individual and collective responsibilities, I am inspired. Today, they would not accept the attack on our systems and ideals. Democracy is a verb and we are watching it in action, in real time.

As a school district, our role is not to take political sides or espouse our own beliefs upon our students. Rather, our non-negotiable responsibility is to demonstrate care, instill trust, embrace our differences, and create a safe and brave environment for our students. We establish space for their voice, ignite curiosity in their passions, and listen to them, intently. As our country processes, responds to, learns from, and grows beyond the events of today, so, too, will our school system and community.

The coming days will be hard; they will challenge our students, staff, families, community, and country. Know that we are here. We are here to listen, learn, and love. We are here to help heal. We do not take lightly our responsibility to serve. We are honored to be part of Antioch CCSD 34. In the times that test us most, we know how fortunate we are to humbly lead and we are grateful to be able to partner with you in navigating whatever we are presented with.

I am sorry that we are again wrestling with the unknown and uncharted. But please know, our school district and community will get through this, together.

Yours in peace,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard
Superintendent

Resources for talking to our youth:

- [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)
- [How to Talk to Children About Difficult News](#)

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**Mary Kay McNeill
Early Learning
Center**

817 N. Main Street
Antioch, IL 60002
847-838-8901

**Hillcrest
Elementary
School**

433 E. Depot Street
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**Oakland
Elementary
School**

818 E. Grass Lake Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046
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**W.C. Petty
Elementary
School**

850 Highview Drive
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**Antioch Upper
Grade School**

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