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The Westhill Central School District is aware of an issue that occurred in the Middle School during Pride Month. It appears students planned to wear red, white, and blue in opposition to Pride Month. A teacher attempted to intervene to educate them on the impact their plan may have on others. The teacher's intention seems to have been misconstrued. The District is addressing the entire issue with students and staff as an educational moment, and hopes students emerge from the matter more empathetic to all. Any allegations of bullying are being addressed as required under our policies and the law.

The District does not tolerate acts of bullying, hate, or harassment and will continue its efforts to provide for a safe, inclusive learning environment for all students.

It is our goal that students understand the District has strong pride in its country *and* strong pride in the value and importance of each individual student. Our country was founded on freedom: using its colors should support, not diminish all students.

The District asks for your kindness to all involved. Please remember we are all doing our part to educate students and mold them into empathetic, kind, and productive community members. Especially during such a challenging year, we could all afford to receive and grant more kindness.