

Good evening.

Before we begin tonight, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the ongoing crisis in the Middle East. We know that the war in Israel is causing anxiety, fear, and pain for many members of our community. Now, as always, your children's physical and emotional wellbeing are our top priority.

It should go without saying that Rye Neck condemns terrorism, antisemitism, racism, bigotry, xenophobia, and discrimination in all its forms. But sometimes it is worth pausing to reaffirm our dedication to our values.

We are committed to fostering an environment of inclusivity, empathy, and support for all our students and staff, regardless of their background or beliefs. Our teachers and staff work to provide a safe space for students to explore complex issues through open, honest dialogue and age-appropriate analysis.

These values of kindness, fairness, and acceptance are central to the Rye Neck School District. We demonstrate them through our partnership with the Anti Defamation League which has designated Rye Neck Middle School a "No Place for Hate" institution. All the schools in our district support the ADL's mission to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all.

As a community, we are at our strongest when we take care of one another. We will continue to strive to make Rye Neck a place where all children feel safe, valued, and supported.

Dr. Lutinski, your report please.