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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, and Staff,

Yesterday, multiple families and students forwarded the district screenshots of a disturbingly racist and homophobic Instagram Account that was using the Governor Livingston Logo and was titled: glhs.black.people.

Upon receipt of the information, the district took immediate action to investigate the incident and determine the account owner. While the investigation was on-going, the owner/author deleted the account. Unfortunately, because of privacy laws and Instagram user agreements, it will be very difficult to uncover who created the account. We do have the names of several individuals who followed the account. We will continue to work diligently to uncover those responsible for creating this account through every available avenue. If you have any information regarding the account, please contact me at mvarley@bhpsnj.org

We are all appalled that this incident occurred. It is important that we acknowledge all of the people who came forward and spoke out against bigotry and hatred. These are the community values we encourage. It is by having the courage to live our values that we proclaim: Hatred has no place here in our schools, in our community, and frankly, anywhere.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melissa Varley