



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of a school broadcasting project, a group of eighth grade children asked permission to interview the two Mayoral candidates. The questions were reviewed and edited by me and Mr. Platt before final approval was granted. The children reached out to the two candidates to schedule interview times.

The first candidate was interviewed yesterday and proceeded to post pictures on social media with children *without* consent of the school. This is a direct violation of school board policy, and the individual was asked to remove all posts immediately.

The Little Silver School District is a public entity and will not engage in any campaign propaganda. We act *in loco parentis*, or "in the place of a parent" when children are in our care. We take this responsibility seriously.

The sitting Mayor is scheduled for his interview this week. He offered to defer to my recommendation regarding how best to proceed. The children prepared questions to be asked of both candidates and I do not want to deprive them of that learning opportunity. That said, there will be no photos taken and no social media posts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn M. Kossack". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carolyn M. Kossack
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