



Dear Dunbar Families,

We are writing this letter to share with you information about an incident that occurred at a Brotherhood Assembly at Dunbar Middle School on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Assembly was part of the school's celebration of Black History month and featured Keith Lee's (of *Keith Lee Dances*) dancers, Colonel Graham, a Dunbar employee who spoke about his life experiences, and a performance of gospel songs by the LU Praise Group.

During the assembly, an employee interrupted the program by going to the microphone on the stage during the singing performance to express his offence with this portion of the program, and offered the students an opportunity to leave the auditorium with him.

We received a number of comments and concerns regarding this situation, and we are working with our students and faculty to address issues of mutual respect and understanding along with the appropriate ways of expressing disagreement.

Sincerely,

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