

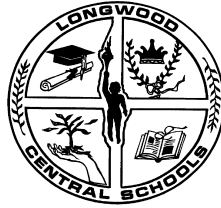
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Statement from Dr. Michael R. Loneragan, Superintendent of Schools **Longwood Central School District**

The Longwood Central School District has been made aware of a culturally insensitive photo involving Longwood students during a class trip to the Bronx Zoo. The photo was an unfortunate lapse of judgment.

Without the intent of doing so, the photo was taken without fully understanding the sensitivity or the hurt it may have caused and reminds us that we must be more aware of the feelings of our multi-cultural population.

Since returning from winter break, the Superintendent and High School Administration have met with the teacher, members of the community, and the families involved.

We are proud of the diversity at Longwood Schools, and we will continue to provide sensitivity training to our students and staff to raise awareness of our cultural differences.

Longwood is committed to providing an educational environment that is nurturing, supportive, safe, and conducive to learning.

Due to pending litigation, Longwood Central School District has no further comment.

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