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Dear ACT Families,

Last evening I was made aware of two Instagram accounts targeting the diversity of our ACT community. This morning we met as a school community to address the accounts, and had an in-depth discussion about the impact of social media and the expectations for appropriate use. Since then, both accounts have been deleted from Instagram.

Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the owner of one of the accounts is NOT a current ACT student. The Willimantic Police have been notified and are investigating this case to determine appropriate next steps and to discover who created the 2nd account. ACT's core values are to **RESPECT yourself, RESPECT the work and RESPECT the community** at all times. ACT students represent our community both during the school day and outside of school. **At NO TIME will disparaging remarks be tolerated.**

I am committed to ACT's diverse population and to sustaining a positive school climate and school environment where *all members* are welcomed, supported and feel safe in school: socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

Please continue to have conversations with your student about appropriate and meaningful social media use. We are prohibiting use of cell phones during instructional time at ACT to eliminate distractions and allow students to focus on their work, and engage with their classmates in appropriate ways. Ask your student to show you what accounts they follow and what they are posting on social media. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

With appreciation,

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