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### **Bishop England High School student expelled after posting threatening racial verbiage on social media**

CHARLESTON, SC - Administrators at Bishop England High School expelled a student today after receiving a copy of a social media post that contained the student making a threatening racial comment. Principal Patrick Finneran learned about the post Sunday evening. After consulting with the Bishop England leadership team and diocesan officials earlier today, the student's parents were contacted and the student was expelled. Additionally, police were notified about the post. We have no further details on their interaction with the former student.

“The verbiage in this post was hostile and demeaning to the African American community, and offensive to all of us,” said Finneran. “We have no tolerance for any words or actions that are racist in nature, and we will continue to enforce this.”

In the wake of this, school administrators have decided to create a Diversity Task Force. The group will be tasked with working on ways to stand in solidarity with all ethnicities, including African American community members, and work to find reconciliation and promote justice.

Yesterday, [Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone released a statement](#) in the wake of George Floyd's murder in Minneapolis and the violence that occurred in South Carolina over the weekend. In it, he says: “To our family in Christ, we cannot minimize the fact that there is blatant racism and injustice in our country, and change must come. In order to make that change, however, we must unite in our efforts. There is no other way, but peace. Peace is an ethic for people of all faiths.”

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