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****The Maryland Jewish Alliance Condemns Reinstatement of Teachers Posting Antisemitic Content****

Montgomery County-based Jewish grassroots group, Maryland Jewish Alliance, expresses its deep concern regarding the decision to reinstate four teachers within MCPS who wrote and/or posted antisemitic and anti-Israel content online.

The initial suspension of these teachers was a crucial step towards maintaining a safe and inclusive learning environment for Jewish students. However, the subsequent reinstatement raises serious concerns about the school system's commitment to combating antisemitism, especially given the ongoing Title VI investigation by the Office of Civil Rights to address these very issues. These reinstatements should be viewed as a direct affront to the efforts of federal investigators attempting to foster a discrimination-free environment.

It is imperative that our leaders address the alarming surge of antisemitism within MCPS. They must provide clear assurances on how MCPS intends to prevent these teachers from injecting anti-Israel sentiments into the classroom. It is also essential that leaders articulate the consequences in the event of a recurrence, be it with these teachers or others. We call on our leaders to make explicit promises to the Jewish students and staff of MCPS, outlining the measures and commitments that will be undertaken to ensure a safe and inclusive educational environment.

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