

*As Chairs of the Acton Public School Committee and the Acton-Boxborough Regional and Transitional School Committees, we have a prepared statement on behalf of our Committees regarding the concerns that were expressed by a few McCarthy-Towne parents at our May 1st meeting.*

*First of all, we take all concerns about safety in our schools very seriously and, as such, we have asked for further information on this issue, and specifically, further information regarding the implementation of School Committee Policies and Procedures. Based on information provided to us by our constituents, Dr. Mills and his Central Office Staff, a survey of the faculty and dozens of communications with parents through emails, phone calls and face to face conversation, as well as our district legal counsel, the Committees have concluded that the staff of McCarthy-Towne has responded appropriately to any concerns involving the children who attend the McCarthy-Towne School. The Committees believe that the McCarthy-Towne School is a safe and nurturing school environment for all students and the Committees continue to support the work of the staff in implementing the policies and procedures of the District to ensure that all children are receiving a safe and nurturing education. The Committee has concluded that there is absolutely no culture of violence at the McCarthy-Towne School as was alleged by some parents. To the contrary, the overwhelming majority of staff and parents believe the school to be a safe and healthy environment for children.*

*The Committees did conclude, based on an investigation by legal counsel, that there was a student records law violation involving two families. Dr. Mills has addressed this issue and has taken appropriate action.*

*As a Committee we have been very impressed with the overwhelming support of the school that we have received from staff and parents.*

*As a Committee we take great pride in the quality of the schools here in Acton and Boxborough and we continue to support all of the schools within our District. Thank you.*

*Dennis Bruce, Chair, Acton Public School Committee*

*Maria Neyland, Chair, Acton-Boxborough Regional and Transitional School Committees*

*5/22/14 APSC/ABRSC/ABTSC meeting*