



March 24, 2021

Dear HHS Students and Parents/Guardians:

The use of anti-Semitic language by members of the Duxbury High School football team, with the knowledge of their head coach, has generated a great deal of media attention and widespread condemnation over the past two days. We share in the outrage and therefore acted in partnership with Duxbury school officials this morning to cancel all three football games (freshman, junior varsity and varsity) that had been scheduled to take place between our schools this weekend.

Although Hingham and Duxbury have long been fierce rivals on the field of play, none of us can take pleasure in this troubling incident, nor should our school seek to claim any moral superiority. Ignorance and prejudice exist everywhere, even in our own community. Our mission as educators requires us to confront this reality, not merely through the cancellation of a few football games but, more importantly, through meaningful education that promotes respect, inclusion, safety and equity for all people. Be assured that Hingham High School will keep striving to fulfill this mission, challenging both our athletic rivals and *ourselves*, to achieve something more.

Sincerely,

Rick Swanson, Principal

Jim Quatromoni, Athletic Director