

Dear Community,

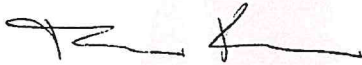
We are writing to address the TA vs SAA soccer game that was held at Spencerville this past Sunday. Parents have reached out to make us aware of inappropriate racial slurs and comments made by a referee and to ask how referees are selected for a game. We want you to know that our schools, Takoma Academy and Spencerville Adventist Academy, do not find this behavior acceptable. We work with an independent company to hire game officials but are not part of the referee selection process. Since Sunday's game, both TA and SAA have filed a complaint with the company and received confirmation that these referees will not be officiating at future games. We have also decided to have three referees at games to provide a more thorough review of plays.

This afternoon the administration and athletic directors for both TA and SAA met to discuss the game. We will continue to work together to create a healthy community environment. We are committed to providing students the opportunity to compete in games that honor our student athletes and to be a community that represents our schools and Jesus to the best of our ability. We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Keith Beckett

Mr. Beckett, principal
Takoma Academy



Mrs. Bowerman, principal
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