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Forward Latino & LULAC of Wisconsin meet with school officials over divisive remarks and clothing

RACINE, WI: At the request of students attending Racine Lutheran High School and their parents, representatives of Forward Latino, a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization and the League of United Latin American citizens (LULAC) of Wisconsin, a civil rights organization, met with school leadership to discuss ongoing concerns which culminated at a recent event where divisive remarks were made, and culturally insensitive clothing was worn.

Both LULAC of Wisconsin and Forward Latino appreciate the proactive measures made by the school directing individuals to remove the divisive clothing and for beginning the needed process of creating safe spaces where students can share their concerns.

Both LULAC and Forward Latino have offered technical assistance in partnership with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to promote and implement anti-bias and multi-cultural awareness best practices and training.

Darryl Morin, Forward Latino National President stated, "Sadly this is not an issue isolated to a particular school as we see similar issues occurring across our nation. The good news is that the parents and students reached out for assistance before things could further escalate. We are also pleased that school leadership has recognized the issue and is willing to review best practices for building a more culturally aware and inclusive school environment."

José "Rey" Palacios, LULAC of Wisconsin State Director added, "As a former educator, I understand how important it is for every student to feel welcome and safe in their learning environment. The students and parents who came forward to voice their concerns did so in a respectful, thoughtful and productive manner and for that should be commended."

Forward Latino and LULAC of Wisconsin will be meeting with parents and students periodically moving forward.

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