



Ellington Public Schools

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RE: Always A Path Forward

Dear Ellington Family,

This past week some individual(s), possibly teenage children, vandalized many of the Ellington High School soccer and tennis nets multiple times. When unfortunate events occur, even when they are tragic—which this is not—there is always a path forward.

The path forward that many of our student-athletes took was to organize a fundraiser to repair the nets. In total, \$3,200 was raised, with many students contributing. This is typical of how the Ellington Family comes together.

Moreover, I wish to convey on behalf of the Ellington Family, that we forgive those responsible for these misguided actions. Forgiveness is a choice, a decision made for those impacted and for those who have temporarily lost their way.

My recommendation to those individual(s) who 'cut the nets' is to come forward and apologize. Yes, there will be consequences, but please know that taking ownership for your actions is an admirable and courageous path forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Nicol".

Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools