



Huntington Union Free School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents, Students and Community Members:

As you know, the Huntington High School Drama Club presented several performances of the Broadway musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, last weekend. As always, the considerable efforts put forth by the cast, crew and pit orchestra for the past several months in preparation for the production were commendable, as well as reflected on stage.

It is clear, however, that aspects of the show's story line and characterizations are culturally insensitive. We deeply apologize to those offended. Please understand that there is no intention of the school's performing the show again. Furthermore, future drama and musical productions will be very carefully vetted so as to avoid similar issues moving forward.

I genuinely thank you for your understanding on the matter.

Yours truly,

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Estimados padres, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad:

Como usted sabe, el Huntington High School Drama Club presentó varias actuaciones del musical de Broadway, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, el fin de semana pasado. Como siempre, los esfuerzos considerables realizados por el elenco, la tripulación y la orquesta durante los últimos meses en preparación para la producción fueron encomiables, así como reflejados en el escenario.

Sin embargo, está claro que los aspectos de la historia y las caracterizaciones del musical son culturalmente insensibles. Nos disculpamos profundamente con cualquiera ofendido. Por favor entienda que no hay intención de que la escuela vuelva a realizar el programa. Además, el futuro drama y las producciones musicales se revisarán con mucho cuidado para evitar problemas similares que avancen.

Le agradezco sinceramente su comprensión

Tuyo verdaderamente,

James W. Polansky
Superintendente de escuelas