

# STUDENTS TAKING A STAND AGAINST RACISM IN SCHOOLS

## PUBLIC BOARD URGED TO DO MORE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM

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Local students and regional council are urging the Halton District School Board to go further in addressing racism at its facilities throughout the region.

Alexis Graham and Tyler Henry, both Grade 12 students at White Oaks Secondary School, say they've personally endured numerous anti-Black, racist incidents at school and online, and that their experience is similar to what other BIPOC youth have encountered at HDSB

schools in Halton Hills and across the region.

"No one should be subjected to the hateful language that so many students hear every single day," said Henry during her recent delegation to regional council on the topic alongside Graham. "We can't continue to stand by as discrimination and harassment persist within our schools."

The two teens told councillors about situations that they and other students routinely face in the school environment and online, including the frequent and casual use of racial slurs by non-Black students.

"After the anti-Black vandalism on the bleachers in the field at our school, I spoke out on so-



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Students Tyler Henry (left) and Alexis Graham say they've both experienced racism and are calling on the Halton District School Board to do more to address the problem.

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