## SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RACIST AND ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALISM AT AITE

**WHEREAS**, hateful vandalism was discovered at the Academy of Information Technology & Engineering on the morning of July 26, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** we, the Stamford Board of Representatives, believe that we have more in common than there is that divides us; and

**WHEREAS**, hate speech, bullying, or the dissemination of any words or symbols associated with hate is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in our community; and

WHEREAS, we must learn to respect each other, despite our differences; and

**WHEREAS**, people of all ethnic, religious, and racial backgrounds should feel welcomed in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives, join the Mayor, the Superintendent, the Board of Education, and all the good people of Stamford in condemning these acts of vandalism of school property with hateful and discriminatory words and symbols.

**NOW, THEREFORE MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that, we want to express our thanks to the Mayor, the Superintendent, the Board of Education, the staff at AITE, and Chief Shaw and the entire Stamford Police Department for their swift and immediate response to this despicable show of hatred, and for removing the racist and anti-Semitic graffiti.

Approved by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

Jeff Curtis, President Megan Cottrell, Clerk

