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## **Darien Board of Selectmen Endorse Sanity in Public Discourse**

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To the editor:

We are so fortunate to live in a town that includes hundreds of amazing volunteers and elected officials who volunteer thousands of hours of their time to help make our town the wonderful place we call home. We are a strong community made up of people who are passionate about contributing to the success of our town.

As fellow community members, it is important we are respectful of each other and appreciative of the efforts of those who choose to serve our town. In their roles as elected or appointed officials, they are acting as public representatives and do not deserve to be attacked personally for how they discuss an issue or how they vote.

Strength and leadership come from sharing and discussing differing views. As human beings, we will never all agree, but we must be respectful and compassionate toward others. Our continued success will come from listening to differing viewpoints, having open dialogue, and striving to find common ground. Personal attacks and threats toward one another cannot be tolerated or accepted.

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As members of the Board of Selectmen we are proud to be one of the many bi-partisan boards, elected by the public, to serve and lead the Town of Darien. We encourage our community to always leave space for open dialogue that includes differing opinions and maintain respect for people who hold those opinions.

— The Darien Board of Selectmen

*Editor's note: While unmentioned in the board's letter, the discussion formed under [this tweet](#) on Twitter may have something to do with the situation state Sen. Bob Duff [spoke about here](#). stemming from the topic of this special Board of Education meeting discussing the Open Choice program, [here](#).*

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