

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

MIMA - MARCHING IN MUSICAL ADVOCACY, INC.

MiMa – Marching in Musical Advocacy, Inc. stands with the Andrew Jackson High School student-athletes, their families, coaches, and school community.

Reports concerning the September 10 volleyball match at Fernandina Beach High School—including allegations involving a Black baby doll, racial slurs, chants, and gestures—are deeply disturbing. Nassau County School District has opened an investigation, and Duval County Public Schools and the Florida High School Athletic Association have been engaged.

Athletic competition should develop teamwork, discipline, leadership, and mutual respect. No student should be subjected to racial intimidation, humiliation, or dehumanizing conduct while representing their school.

We call for a thorough and transparent investigation, meaningful accountability based on the findings, and concrete measures to ensure that every student-athlete is protected and treated with dignity. Adults entrusted with supervising students and school-sponsored activities must also be prepared to intervene immediately when harmful behavior occurs.

To the young women of Andrew Jackson High School: We see you. We support you. We honor the courage and dignity with which you represented your school and community.

Our motto is "*Music is the Lure, Mentorship is the Mission*"—and mentorship requires us to speak clearly when young people are harmed.

MiMa, Inc. stands firmly against racism and firmly beside the Andrew Jackson Tigers.

Dignity. Respect. Accountability.

News coverage:

News4JAX: <https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2026/09/11/nassau-county-school-district-says-its-investigating-racially-offensive-behavior-at-volleyball-match/>

Action News Jax: <https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/jackson-hs-parents-angered-after-alleged-racial-incident-fernandina-beach-volleyball-game/ONJQU2UDHRCL3OICNOVA25PEP4/>

Jacksonville Free Press: <https://jacksonvillefreepress.com/black-doll-racial-slurs-at-high-school-volleyball-game-spark-investigation-naacp-outrage/>

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