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There is no greater priority for Phillips Exeter Academy than to ensure a safe environment for our students, free of sexual abuse and harassment in all its forms.

The leadership of the Academy is committed to addressing all allegations of sexual misconduct and we continue to urge anyone with relevant information to share it with us or the Exeter Police Department.

We are deeply indebted to the survivors who have stepped forward, and we hope their courage will embolden others to do the same.

We are all shocked and angered by the experience described by Mr. Jenkins. On March 31, 2016, when we learned of Mr. Jenkins' posts on Facebook, we provided that information to the Exeter police and are doing all we can to support the investigation.

We continue to report to the police all allegations of sexual misconduct, as well as to refer such allegations to the law firm that has been retained by Exeter specifically to conduct outside investigations. We feel obligated to protect the integrity of ongoing investigations by limiting our public comments about specific incidents or allegations.

Exeter is committed to understanding the facts regarding past offenses, as well as the school's response to them at the time. We are engaged in open and active discussion with our community about coming to terms with these disturbing incidents and addressing the needs of those who have been harmed. And we continue to refine our policies and practices, and the ways we work with our students, in order to make Exeter the safest possible environment for our students today.

Sincerely,
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