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After many conversations and much reflection, we at RJG decided that the only formal recognition of 9/11 would be statements read over the PA by Student Council officers David Cronin and Miles McDonald and by me. Our goal is take a moment to reflect on the events of 9/11, and then build issues of respect for human difference into the regular daily curriculum and daily life of RJG. -Following these statements was an extended moment of silence to remember the events of 9/11.

David Cronin's and Miles McDonald's Statement:

Good morning everybody. Today is September 11, the second anniversary of the attacks on the United States. Today is a day to reflect and remember those who were affected by these events. When you go through the lobby today look up at the paper peace cranes that we made last year as a school community.

When you see them, remember what they stand for: peace, rebuilding and unity. Frederick Ferre said, "A time of disarray is also a moment of opportunity."

Let's take this opportunity and work as a school community to do what we can to make this world a better place.

Craig Hardimon's Statement:

Two years ago today, the world suffered a tragedy we now refer to as 9/11. This horrific event caused the death, pain and suffering for thousands of human beings across the world. Every single one of us was affected in one way or another.

There are many things that we cannot do. We cannot turn back the hands of time. It happened. We may never fully understand the anger and hatred that lead to the attacks. It is too late.

There are, however, many things that we can do. We can recognize that there will always be people who have different belief systems than our own. While we may wholeheartedly disagree with someone's opinion, or even their lifestyle, we must recognize their right to their beliefs, just as we expect others to respect ours.

Only through this respect for human difference can we embrace the variations in mankind which make this world so wonderful. Only through this respect for human difference can we ever hope to create a world in which all of us may live safely.