**Executive board of Student Council**

**Statement on Sexual Assault**

**07/18/16**

Dear friends, alumni, and faculty of Exeter,

The Executive Board of the Phillips Exeter Academy Student Council is greatly saddened and disturbed by the recent disclosures of events on our campus surrounding sexual harassment and assault. Action is required and we intend to deliver.

It is indisputable that the school must see monumental changes and improvements in our policy for sexual assault. It is necessary for us to not only feel safe but also to feel proud, sans doubt, to be a member of this community. The E-book is the backbone of the school and must reflect the caliber and integrity of the student body. Therefore, we, the Executive Board are forming a proposal with goals to amend the E-book.

Meanwhile, however, we encourage Exeter to take a step back and look at ourselves.

We must realize that we have a responsibility to educate ourselves, each other, our dormmates, and our classmates—we have a responsibility to distinguish a “yes” from a “no”, aid survivors in their times of distress, and give the respect we owe to every individual around us regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, or gender.

With these words, let us brace for change next year. We don’t know what is ahead, but the 2016-17 Executive Board believes that vagueness will only detract from our goals. A concrete, step-by-step solution will be presented, in writing, on the Student Council floor in September. If any student, alum, or faculty wishes to share his/her opinion regarding specific policy before the Executive Board introduces its proposal, please contact Jackson Parell, secretary, at jparell@exeter.edu.

Sincerely,

The Student Council Executive Board 2016-2017

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