

## Statement of CAIR-Mass. on recent incident at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School

Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022

Lawyers with the Massachusetts chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MA) represent a Muslim student and her family concerning MVRCS's response when the student wore a hijab on her first day of school. The incident has received considerable social media attention.

The incident in question happened on Thursday, Aug. 18. We spoke with the parents on Friday, Aug. 19. As of today, Aug. 20, the family has authorized us to let you know that the immediate situation is under control, as the student is wearing her hijab in school.

We will continue to investigate what happened, review the policies of the school, and research applicable state and federal laws. We will also interview witnesses and listen to our community partners. We are all justifiably concerned about this young student and want to make sure that she is safe, and that her religious rights are respected and protected. Your continued support is necessary.

### How you can help:

- If you have **information** that may be helpful or wish to send **messages of support to the student**, please contact CAIR-MA at [info@ma.cair.com](mailto:info@ma.cair.com). We will forward your messages.
- If you would like to send a **note or card** to the family, you can mail it to: CAIR-MA Legal Department, P.O. Box 28, Arlington, MA 02476.
- You can also **call** us at (617) 862-9159.
- For further updates, **follow CAIR-MA** across social media platforms at <https://linktr.ee/cairma>.
- Finally, please **forward this statement** to your networks and others who are concerned.

We look forward to working with all our community partners to assure that the religious rights of Muslim students are protected.