



Incident of Hate at POBJFKHS

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Dear POB School Community,

I am writing to you today with troubling news and to share how the district is responding to an antisemitic incident that occurred at POB John F. Kennedy High School today.

This afternoon, a student discovered a swastika drawn on a bathroom stall and immediately reported it. We are grateful to this student and their commitment to keeping our schools safe and inclusive. Because our custodial team performs nightly bathroom sweeps, we believe this act of vandalism occurred today.

The administration at JFKHS responded swiftly and contacted the Nassau County Police Department who immediately responded to POBJFKHS. The high school administration has video of students entering the bathroom and they will be interviewing these students. We encourage anyone who has information about this antisemitic incident to contact Dr. Dvorak, hdvorak@pobschools.org, or use the anonymous reporting form on the District's website.

Please know that the mission of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District is to ensure that all students feel a sense of belonging. Acts of antisemitism, hate, and intolerance have no place in our schools or community. Today's incident is deeply hurtful and stands in opposition to our community's values.

The person responsible for this act will receive consequences that are serious and aligned with the Code of Conduct and applicable laws. We are committed to addressing this through disciplinary action, restorative practices, and continued education on bias and hate. These moments are painful but must serve as a reminder to act. Please speak with your children about this incident and how your family can be part of combatting antisemitism and other forms of hate in our school community.

I am sorry to have to bring this disturbing news to you this evening. Thank you for your patience as the high school administrative team investigates this incident. We will update the community on Friday afternoon.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools