

Bias Incident at JFKHS

<u>Superintendent of Schools</u> • Tuesday, Jun 11 at 2:25 PM • Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District

Good afternoon, POB School Community,

It is with great disappointment that I write to share with you an incident that occurred at POBJFKHS today. We have learned that a student drew a swastika in another student's yearbook.

The building administration responded quickly, identifying the student and notifying the Nassau County Police who responded immediately.

As a reminder, acts of hate and hate crimes in our schools are met with severe consequences including long-term suspensions (beyond 5 days). Incidents occurring late in the school year, like this one, may result in consequences that extend into the following school year.

Please know that POB Schools is committed to fostering an environment of belonging, free from hate and threats. Acts of antisemitism like this will not be tolerated, as they undermine the safety and well-being of our students and families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary O'Meara Superintendent of Schools