

# **BLIND BROOK-RYE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **Graffiti on Blind Brook High School Baseball Field**

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

Over the weekend I was informed that someone had spray painted graffiti on the turf of the Blind Brook High School Baseball field. While this was upsetting in and of itself, what was more distressing was that a racial epithet was among the words that was included in the graffiti.

All of us at the Blind Brook School District are horrified that something like this has happened in our school district. This type of hurtful and intolerant language is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. We are actively working with the Rye Brook Police Department to identify who perpetrated this act and will pursue this to the maximum extent.

This event reinforces for me the need to end bias and teach tolerance in our schools. While there is no evidence to say that this event was the work of a Blind Brook student or anyone in the community, discrimination and harassment needs to be addressed in our schools. I will continue to work with our administrators and DEI committee to change our policies and expand our instruction around racism and intolerance.

Sincerely,

Colin Byrne  
Interim Superintendent of Schools