



## Symbol of Hate Found

[Mary O'Meara](#) • Thursday, Oct 10 at 7:30 AM

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Dear POB School Community,

We regret to inform you that a swastika was found scratched onto a bathroom stall wall at the high school. A student reported it to a teacher, and the administration was immediately informed. The custodial staff acted quickly to remove the symbol, which was among other markings and difficult to detect.

The high school administration is continuing its investigation, and the parents of the reporting student have been notified. It is important to highlight the culture of care created in our classrooms that allowed the student to feel comfortable reporting it to their teacher. Our faculty, administration, and staff are working intentionally to ensure all of our students feel a sense of belonging in our schools.

As a reminder, the District provides an anonymous reporting form on our website to share information. [Here is a link](#) to that reporting form. This symbol of antisemitism has no place in our schools, and we encourage anyone with knowledge about the incident to use the form.

I encourage all families to make a commitment to speak with their children this week about the damage done to our community and to individuals when symbols of hate are put in our schools. Our partnership is critical to ensure all of our schools remain free from hate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary O'Meara

Superintendent of Schools