



Incident at H.B. Mattlin Middle School

Wednesday, Feb 12

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Good evening, POB School Community,

It is with deep regret that I write to inform you of an antisemitic act that occurred today at H.B. Mattlin Middle School. Swastikas were discovered inside a stall in the student bathroom. Students who saw these symbols of hate immediately reported them to their teachers, who then alerted the building administration.

Dr. Coladonato and his team acted swiftly, removing the graffiti, interviewing students, and reviewing security footage. The Nassau County Police Department was promptly notified and worked closely with our administrative team for several hours.

The POB School District remains committed to fostering a safe, inclusive environment where all students feel a sense of belonging. Acts of antisemitism, hate, or discrimination have no place in our schools and will be met with serious consequences.

We encourage all families to have open conversations with their children about the impact of hateful symbols/speech and the importance of reporting these incidents. If you need resources to guide these discussions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school. As a reminder, the District has an [anonymous reporting form](#) available on our website for reporting incidents of hate. You can access [it here](#).

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary O'Meara

Superintendent of Schools