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East Greenwich Superintendent Condemns Anti-Semitic Graffiti Found at High School

EAST GREENWICH, RI – East Greenwich Superintendent Dr. Brian Ricca has addressed a deeply troubling incident that occurred today at East Greenwich High School, where anti-Semitic graffiti was discovered in a boys’ bathroom on campus.

“This act of hate is deeply concerning and has no place in our schools or community,” said Dr. Ricca. “We are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all students, staff, and families. Acts of discrimination, bigotry, or hate will not be tolerated.”

The district has taken immediate steps in response to the incident. The graffiti was removed shortly after it was reported, and an investigation is underway, led by Dr. Patricia Page, the school’s leadership, and the East Greenwich Police Department’s School Resource Officer, to identify those responsible.

In addition to the investigation, the district will leverage this incident as an opportunity to reinforce its values of respect, kindness, and understanding through classroom discussions and broader community conversations. Support services, including counseling, are being made available for any students affected by the incident.

Dr. Ricca also called on the East Greenwich school community to play a role in fostering a culture of mutual respect. “We ask families to take this opportunity to speak with their children about the impact of hateful actions and the importance of standing against discrimination,” he stated.

As the district continues to address this incident, it remains committed to ensuring that all schools in East Greenwich are places where every child feels safe, valued, and respected.

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