



September 19, 2025

Good evening, POB School Community.

I am writing with an update regarding the swastika that was discovered last week on the Stratford Road Elementary School baseball field.

The Nassau County Police Department responded immediately that evening, and the detective assigned to the case thoroughly reviewed all camera footage and investigated the information we had, along with a tip submitted. Unfortunately, due to the lack of clear video evidence and only one observation submitted, the detective has informed us that he cannot move forward with the investigation.

While this case remains unsolved, I want to emphasize that both the initial police response and the detective's careful efforts reflect how seriously law enforcement responds to acts of antisemitism.

As a District, we remain deeply committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for every student and family. I encourage our families to continue conversations at home about symbols and words of hate and antisemitism that erode our sense of security and belonging.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mary O'Meara  
Superintendent of Schools

Original Message:

Symbol of Hate

September 13, 2025

Good morning, POB School Community.

I am sorry to share the following information with you. Last night, I was notified that a swastika had been dug into the sand on the Stratford Road Elementary School baseball field. The Nassau County Police Department was contacted immediately and responded to the scene. Members of our custodial staff, safety team, Mrs. Psihogios, Principal of Stratford Road, and I met with police officers to provide details about the use of the field and the available security cameras that may help identify those responsible for this hateful act.

We are asking for the community's assistance. It is believed this act of hate occurred after school hours on September 11th or 12th. Please note that this field is not used by Stratford Road students during the school day. If you have any information that may be relevant to the investigation, we encourage you to share it with our security department at [pobsafe@pobschools.org](mailto:pobsafe@pobschools.org). Anonymous tips can also be [submitted through this link](#).

We are deeply disheartened by this antisemitic act. The Plainview-Old Bethpage School District remains committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging, free from intimidation and hate. Throughout the year, students will participate in *Culture of Care* lessons designed to raise awareness about the harm caused by antisemitism and all forms of hate. With this instruction, and through continued conversations at home, we can help our children learn the importance of empathy, respect, and civic responsibility. Together, we can reduce the likelihood of such acts occurring in our schools and community.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Dr. Mary O'Meara  
Superintendent of Schools