



Community Update Regarding Bias Incident at JFK High School

June 1, 2026

Dear POB School Community,

I am writing to inform you that district staff discovered a racial slur written on the track and sidewalk at Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School. Upon discovery, Principal Dr. Dvorak and her team initiated the District's response protocols. The Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) was contacted and is working with school administrators as part of the investigation.

Early indicators suggest this act occurred over the weekend. Based on information gathered thus far, the person responsible is not a POB student. The investigation remains active as law enforcement and District officials work to identify the individual involved.

Acts of bias and hate have no place in our schools or community. When incidents such as this one occur, we investigate them promptly and respond accordingly. Our responsibility is to maintain schools where every person is treated with dignity and respect and where all members of our community feel a sense of belonging.

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, I encourage families to take this opportunity to discuss with their children the impact that acts of bias and hate have on the school community. These conversations help reinforce our shared responsibility to create welcoming schools for all. As reminder, the District has an anonymous reporting form for incidents of hate and bias on the website which can be accessed [here](#).

Thank you to the staff members who reported this matter immediately and to our NCPD partners for their assistance.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools