Symbol of Hate at POBMS
Monday, November 2, 2026

Dear POB School Community,

I am sorry to report that today two students at POBMS discovered a swastika drawn in a bathroom stall. The principal immediately began an investigation and contacted the Nassau County Police Department, in accordance with District protocol. I will update the community should additional information become available.

There is no place for antisemitism in our schools. This symbol of hate is deeply hurtful, and stands in direct opposition to our commitment to ensuring that everyone feels safe and a sense of belonging.
It is deeply disheartening that these incidents continue, even as our students participate in lessons about the harm caused by symbols of hate, including recent instruction from the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County. This work must continue, supported by conversations at home. I ask all families to take time this week to speak with their children about antisemitism, the impact of hateful symbols, and their responsibility to speak up when they encounter hate.

If the student responsible is identified, serious disciplinary consequences will follow in accordance with our Code of Conduct.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our schools places of respect and belonging.
Sincerely,

Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools