

December 13, 2023

Dear Goddard Families

The safety and well-being of all students and staff members at Goddard High School will continue to remain my highest priority. I am informing you about an incident that took place in school today. Graffiti of a small swastika was identified on the bottom of a school based poster in the hallway outside of one of our classrooms.

As you know, this symbol is very traumatizing so we worked quickly to remove the poster from the hallway without delay and reported the incident to the NYPD.

I want to be clear that this graffiti is anti-semitic and is very hurtful and offensive.

We will continue to investigate and I look forward to your partnership as we work together to ensure we continue to provide the best and safest learning environment possible for all of our students.

We also will be scheduling an RJD Assembly to students to address offensive and hateful speech and will continue to update you on any developments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 718-848-8357.

Sincerely,

*Joseph J. Birgeles*

Principal