

## Message to the Community

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Dear Croton-Harmon Community:

The District is aware that the Yorktown Police Department has investigated a recent incident in which offensive, hateful, and highly inappropriate language was written in graffiti on public property in Yorktown, and that they have charged certain students from our District's High School for involvement in the incident. We are reviewing this matter and will address it in accordance with the District's Code of Conduct. We want to reiterate that this incident is contrary to our values as a school district, and as a community.

As educators, we strive to instill the values of equity and empathy into the young people who we are fortunate enough to work with every day. Our ongoing commitment in these areas is demonstrated through the work of the Equity Stakeholder Team, our partnership with the Anti-Defamation League, the District's Culture of Respect Task Force, and through our continued focus on the social and emotional wellness of every one of our students. We take tremendous pride in our reputation as a District which prioritizes this vital work, and it is our pledge to our community that we will continue our efforts in pursuit of the goal that every student embodies the principles of understanding, inclusion, and compassion in their daily lives.

We want to make clear that we stand by the foundational principle that "hate has no place in our community", nor in our school district. We know that we will all continue to work together to further strengthen our commitment to the values for which the Croton-Harmon School District has long been known.

Sincerely,

Stephen Walker Superintendent of Schools High School Dr. Laura Dubak Principal, Croton-Harmon

