

Letter to Wayland High School Community

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To the Wayland High School Community:

As you know, two days ago we began an investigation into the discovery of multiple acts of racist vandalism in the WHS history pod. I am writing to inform you that we have determined the individual who is responsible for these acts. Due to our adherence to privacy laws, clearly I cannot reveal any further details about our findings or about our disciplinary response for this student.

I urge us now to focus on the work ahead of us in continuing to build a cohesive, respectful school environment where such events do not occur again. Our community has been wounded by this incident. We cannot simply move on from this situation; we must listen, learn, and act.

Representing one step forward, today at 10:15 a.m. we held an unannounced assembly during which faculty members read aloud a letter to all students written by staff proclaiming our intolerance of bigotry and affirming our students of color. Addressing the students, our staff read this letter "to protest this act of racism and bigotry that has defiled our school," and to urge them "not to minimize but to empathize" as we process this hateful act. This letter, attached to this email, is posted on classroom and office doors throughout our school. Other events, generated by both teachers and students, are in the planning stages. I will keep you apprised of our progress.

With the conclusion of this investigation, we commit to repairing what has been hurt and becoming a stronger school community.

Sincerely,

Allyson Mizoguchi
Principal