MEDFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

88R South Street, Medfield, Massachusetts 02052
PHONE (508) 359-4367
FAX (508) 359-2963

Robert Parga
Principal

Heather M. Mandosa
Assistant Principal

Brenda Hagan
Assistant Principal

December 2, 2022

Dear Medfield High School Families and Staff:

Today, a student alerted our staff to a swastika drawn in a back stairwell. We are, of course, deeply troubled by this discovery, particularly because such incidents of hate speech are incredibly rare at Medfield High School and are very much out of line with the core values of our school community.

It is imperative that we all reinforce to our students that there is no place for hate at our school, or anywhere in our community. Words and actions that display bias against anyone based on their religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other characteristic will not be tolerated. We can turn this unfortunate event into a "teaching and learning" moment, as an opportunity to engage our young people in discussions about bigotry and prejudice.

I have contacted the local chapter of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to begin discussing additional steps that we can take to prevent such incidents in the future and ensure that our school is a safe, welcoming learning environment for all. The ADL is an organization that is working with schools across the Commonwealth and throughout the country to address the troubling spike in incidents related to anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Parga
Principal
Medfield High School