

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District



PRESS RELEASE

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On March 25, 2008 racist graffiti was discovered in a school bathroom at Minnechaug Regional High School. Following applicable protocols, Principal M. Martin O'Shea immediately responded to the incident and notified local law enforcement. This matter remains under investigation both by the school district and the Wilbraham Police Department at this time.

This errant act does not reflect the good people of our community and the children of our school district. Racist and hate driven comments will never be tolerated. They require a swift response and our affirmation that this deed is not illustrative of who we are as a people and who we are as a school district.

While we believe this is a random and isolated act, we feel that we need to strongly condemn this incident and will work cooperatively with local law enforcement to insure that the person or persons responsible for this act will be held accountable.