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Dear Ridgewood Public Schools Community and RHS Students,

Today, racial graffiti was found on a wall in one of our high school bathrooms. This type of behavior will not be tolerated in our schools. We are proud to be a diverse and inclusive community with a high expectation that all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Hate-based symbols and behaviors have no place here.

Upon finding the graffiti, the bathroom was closed and locked, and the incident was immediately reported to the Ridgewood Police Department for a full investigation. The police gathered the necessary information and photos, and the graffiti has now been removed from the wall.

Should you or your student become aware of any similar inappropriate conduct, I encourage you to reach out to your school principal. Together, we can continue to foster an inclusive school community.

Regards,
Mark Schwarz
Superintendent