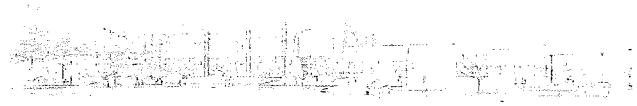


Pierce Middle School  
Milton, MA 02186



December 22, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I write this afternoon to share with you that swastikas were recently discovered in one of our student bathrooms. This is extremely troubling and highly inconsistent with the inclusive culture that we are committed to creating at the Pierce Middle School. In response to these incidents, we immediately and thoroughly investigated, identified who was responsible, and followed up as is dictated by the Code of Conduct in the Pierce Middle School Handbook. I especially wish to reassure you that I and my entire staff are firmly committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for every member of our community. To that end, this type of behavior will not be tolerated at the Pierce Middle School. In addition, I will be working closely with my leadership team and the entire faculty in the days to come to determine appropriate educational next steps.

If you or your child would like to discuss this further or need some additional support, I encourage you to reach out to your child's guidance counselor or me directly. Please see below for your child's guidance counselor's information:

Grade 6: **Mrs. Veldran**  
[lveldran@miltonps.org](mailto:lveldran@miltonps.org)  
617-696-4568 ext. 3607

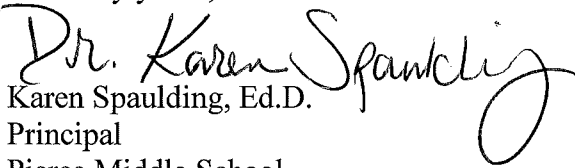
Grade 7: **Mrs. Benjamin**  
[ebenjamin@miltonps.org](mailto:ebenjamin@miltonps.org)  
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Grade 8: **Ms. MacCurtain**  
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Again, you can always reach out directly to me as well at [kspaulding@miltonps.org](mailto:kspaulding@miltonps.org) or 617-696-4568 ext. 3602.

I thank you in advance for partnering with us in our efforts and wish you and your family peace in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

  
Karen Spaulding, Ed.D.  
Principal  
Pierce Middle School