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Dear Pacer,

Unfortunately, we had an incident of racist graffiti on the outside of our school over the weekend. Efforts to cover up the graffiti began before the school opened today.

We are horrified and disgusted by this senseless and hurtful graffiti, and we are now working with the Delta Police Department (DPD) to investigate the matter further. There is no place for racism and such acts of hatred and discrimination in our community. Over the last couple of years, the Delta School District has been enhancing its anti-racism resources to help staff address racism and talk to students about the urgent need for people of colour and diverse ethnicity, gender, or religion to be treated equitably.

This week, we will be talking to students about the negative impacts of graffiti and vandalism. The time needed to report, clean up and investigate the graffiti distracts our school administrators, maintenance teams and the Delta Police from more important matters. In addition, such acts of vandalism result in increased maintenance costs for the Delta School District. As a result, District staff, school administrators, and Delta Police take vandalism to school property very seriously.

We understand that it's a small number of individuals, who may even not be students in Delta, who are engaging in this damaging activity, but we are asking all parents to please speak with your child(ren) about the need to respect each other's differences and property in our community. In addition, please remind your child(ren) that if they hear rumours or information about the damage done to the school, to report this to a trusted adult or to the Delta Police. Information can be provided through the DPD non-emergency line at 604-946-4411 (please quote file number 2024-5627) or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

We appreciate the support of our parents and caregivers in helping us keep our school and local community free of graffiti.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

John Pavão
Principal (Grade 12)

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Vice Principal (Grade 9 & 11)

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