

# Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55



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## A Statement from Old Rochester Regional School District Superintendent Michael S. Nelson

MATTAPoisETT -- The following is a statement from Old Rochester Regional School District Superintendent Michael S. Nelson:

The Old Rochester Regional School District is investigating after racist remarks and racial epithets were found written on a bathroom wall inside the ORR Junior High School.

On Monday, May 17, school administrators were notified by a student about the racist vandalism. An investigation was immediately launched by school officials and the district's School Resource Officer is assisting with the investigation.

The vandalism has been removed and the investigation remains ongoing.

"This type of behavior is completely unacceptable and disgusting," Superintendent Nelson said. "We want to foster an environment at all of our schools that is accepting and inclusive of all students. We are taking this issue extremely seriously and any students found to be involved in this incident will face appropriate actions within the district and with the police. With that said, I would also like to commend the student who found these hateful messages and reported it to an adult."

The district's counseling staff is available to any students that wish to talk about the incident.

Anyone who has information about this incident is asked to call either the ORR Junior High School Administrative Office at 508-758-4928 or Mattapoissett Police Department at 508-758-4141.

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