



## Binghamton City School District

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November 6, 2018

Dear Binghamton Families,

This morning hateful symbols were found spray painted on several businesses on Main Street in Binghamton, including Binghamton High School. The building was defaced with graffiti that included images of bigotry and anti-Semitism. The police and administration are working together to identify and catch the perpetrators.

Our diversity is a strength for our community. Hate has no place in our schools. Symbols of these kind are evil, shameful and stand in opposition to all that we value. In the Binghamton City School District, we stand for respect and inclusion and are a place where all are free to learn in a safe and welcoming environment.

We worked quickly to remove these vicious symbols of hate. We ask anyone with information about the vandalism to contact the Binghamton Police Department or an administrator at the high school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tonia Thompson  
Superintendent of Schools