

May 19, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student:

Whitewater High School has enjoyed a history of being a safe and inviting school. Also, we celebrate and appreciate the diversity that exists in our school. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some recent events that have increased our level of concern for the physical and emotional safety of all of our students. Specifically, on Thursday, May 14, at 2:30 p.m., it was reported that there was graffiti on the door of a bathroom stall that was racist and threatening in nature. The administration has worked in concert with the Whitewater Police Department to investigate who may have written the graffiti. We have taken the situation very seriously and increased our security in the building. You can help by discussing with your student how important it is to inform the administration if they know of anything that would threaten the health or safety of any of our students. Also, please discuss how racist and unsafe behavior in this school will not be tolerated and students who engage in it will face disciplinary measures.

We realize these events have caused great concern in our school and community, and we are sensitive to that. We assure you that the safety of our students is still a top priority. If you know of information that can aid in our investigation or help us better provide a safe and inviting environment at Whitewater High School, please contact us. It is also important that we stress the many positive things that are happening at our school that have been overshadowed by these recent negative events.

Sincerely,

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WHS Principal

Ms. Lanora Heim  
Assistant Principal

Mr. Doug Parker  
Dean of Students/  
Athletic Director