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Hyde Park, New York – Recent vandalism to our schools prompted Hyde Park schools superintendent Carole Pickering and Hyde Park Town Supervisor Pompey Delafield to address these concerns and identify improved strategies and solutions. Hyde Park school district employees and local county and state law enforcement representatives met on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss and develop a coordinated plan.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Hyde Park police department and district employees, three individuals were apprehended for acts of vandalism at one of the district's elementary schools last week. Investigations continue on remaining unresolved incidents.

Superintendent Carole Pickering stated that, “the district and law enforcement will quickly investigate all destructive behavior on school property, and will prosecute violators to the fullest extent allowed by law. ‘No trespassing’ signs will be placed at all schools in the next few weeks to provide notice and to assist police officers in apprehending offenders.”

Hyde Park town supervisor said, “We are happy to be working with our schools. We strongly value and support our police department and are pleased with the recent work in deterring vandalism.” Pickering and Delafield also thanked county and state police for working with the district and town to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

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Carole A. Pickering, Superintendent