

Marysville Families,

We will not tolerate racism and hate in the Marysville community.

Our police department and school district work closely to provide for our students' safety and the broader community's safety. Over the past several weeks, the Marysville Police Department has helped protect our community and schools by investigating several concerning hate incidents that focused on race, including events that have taken place in our schools. These cases involve school-age youth and a young adult in our community.

In the first incident, two students in a group Zoom call threatened to kill Black students in one of our high schools. In the second incident, the Marysville Police Department received a report of a threat to kill minorities. This message was reportedly posted on a juvenile's social media account by a young adult male. To remove any potential conflict of interest due to an involved party's relation to a City of Marysville employee, our department asked the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office to investigate the second incident.

Our police department and school district have worked closely to provide for our students' safety and the broader community's safety. We take all reports of hate crimes seriously and investigate them to the fullest extent. Racial hatred has no place in our community. All students and families deserve to be safe and feel safe; right now, this is especially important for those in our Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), and marginalized communities. Your police department takes this work seriously.

In addition, the Marysville School District will absolutely not tolerate hateful, racist speech or actions. Our job is to denounce hate and intimidation where we work, create environments where students feel safe to learn, and hold students accountable for their words or actions consistent with the law. Both the Marysville School District and the Police Department encourage our families and students to bring forward concerns like these to address these swiftly.

As leaders and learners in our community, Marysville School District, Marysville Police Department, the City of Marysville and Tulalip Tribes are committed to learning from you, our students and families. We are collaborating with community leaders to create multiple, meaningful opportunities for honest conversations about our shared histories of trauma and racism in Marysville. Please look for a survey coming via email to seek your input on how we can best create those opportunities to listen, learn and ultimately identify needed changes in our policies and actions. We look forward to growing and healing together.

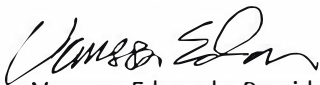
In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Superintendent Jason Thompson: jason_thompson@msd25.org.



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