



# FAIR LAWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**A STATEMENT FROM MR. NICHOLAS J. NORCIA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

## **VANDALISM AT SEVERAL FAIR LAWN SCHOOLS**

**FAIR LAWN, N.J.** (July 10, 2020) – Several occurrences of graffiti, vandalism and destruction of property have occurred at three Fair Lawn Schools over the last week, as well as Sasso Field, costing the district thousands of dollars in property damage and clean up. While no person/s responsible for the destruction have been identified, Fair Lawn school officials have been in contact with the Fair Lawn Police Department, who are currently investigating.

Since July 2, the following incidents have occurred:

- Warren Point Elementary School defaced with spray paint graffiti.
- Fair Lawn High School defaced with spray paint graffiti on the HVAC system twice in the last week.
- Fair Lawn High School - Sasso Field damaged with bike tire tracks on the field turf, firework burn marks, track and field mats damaged, and storage containers ripped off the hinges.
- Thomas Jefferson Middle School's new HVAC system that was recently installed was spray painted with graffiti, which was recently installed as part of the district's \$25 million referendum project to expand the district's two middle schools.

On July 9, the district closed Sasso Field to visitors due to the destruction of property.

“We are trying to focus on the reopening of schools for September and the safe return of our students and staff,” said Superintendent Nick Norcia. “It’s disheartening that someone or some group would deface our schools and damage our school property.”

If anyone has information about these incidents of vandalism, please call the Fair Lawn Police Department at 201-796-1400.

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