

## **TOWN OF SUDBURY** Office of the Town Manager Office of the Chief of Police



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As many may be aware, there was a Swastika carved into the back of a chair at Lincoln-Sudbury whereby Superintendent Wong provided a statement to students, parents and staff on 6-1-2021. Such an act is unacceptable and absolutely not representative of Sudbury expectations.

The Sudbury Police Department has been in touch with Lincoln-Sudbury administrators, assisting with the continued investigation as to its origin. We are collaborating with local clergy, specifically our local Jewish leaders, in support. As well, we have been in contact with the Anti-Defamation League and the District Attorney's Office, who have both offered assistance.

Depicting such a symbol is extremely hurtful to the Jewish Community indicative of the evil Nazi intentions. Aside from the act itself, we would ask all in Sudbury to take a step back, assess how we can improve ourselves while committing to doing your part in bringing a greater respect for all, regardless of one's culture, nationality, sexuality and/or beliefs.

The emphasis over the last year on the value of all of humanity is a point we can understand. We implore everyone to be and reinforce the principles of civility and humanity in our circles of influence. Doing so will invite the entire community to unify as opposed to divide any further on matters involving dignified and respectful interactions. We are grateful to the L-SRHS team for offering counseling and care to those impacted. May the healing process begin again and wounds not be re-opened in our future.

Respectfully,

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