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Dear Walt Whitman High School Community Members,

I'm sorry that I have to write this letter after a wonderful first week of school; however, I want to share information with you about graffiti that was discovered on our building this morning. The phrase "No Cops at Whitman" was spray painted on the exterior wall of the Dr. Darryl Shaw Auditorium. This graffiti is an unlawful destruction of school property. Whoever performed this act will be subject to potential legal action and will receive consequences in accordance with the MCPS Student Code of Conduct.

As soon as the graffiti was discovered, we notified Montgomery County Police and MCPS School Safety and Security. This is an active investigation and if you or someone you know has information related to this incident, please contact the police and Walt Whitman High School. Our building services team also promptly covered the graffiti and MCPS Maintenance will be on-site today to permanently remove it.

I want to emphasize as strongly as possible how much we value our continued partnership with the Montgomery County Police Department and other agencies that support our schools. Furthermore, I want to also underscore that we have worked tirelessly to develop an inclusive environment and acts such as these are unacceptable and antithetical to our vision, mission, and core values as a school. ALL students, staff, visitors, and community partners belong and are valued at Walt Whitman High School. As such, we will continue to work together to ensure that we realize our vision and mission as an inclusive school community.

If you have any information related to this incident, please call the main office at 240-740-4800 or the MCPD Crime Solvers tips line at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

Sincerely,

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