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Wakefield High School Parents:

This is Principal Malik Bazzell.

I wanted to inform you about an incident that is affecting our school today.

Overnight or this morning, someone hung a doll by its neck from the roof of our school building.

It was quickly removed, but many staff and students saw it, and a photo is circulating on social media.

We are working with WCPSS Security to investigate the matter.

Let me be clear: This was an offensive act that has no place in our school. The imagery is deeply offensive and everyone in our school community should be appalled.

This act might have been done as part of an annual tradition of senior pranks. It is in no way funny. It is not a prank. This, along with the acts of vandalism that occurred in the stadium and the baseball field will not be tolerated. Vandalism is a crime and we will seek criminal charges. If you or your student has information about this incident, please contact a school administrator immediately.

Here at Wakefield High School, the expectation is that we adhere to high standards for all students. This incident violates those standards, and its implied message will not be condoned in our school. Our school counseling staff will be available to talk with students about their concerns.

Please take a moment to talk with your students about the importance of living and working together in community. As a school team, we will discuss ways to help our students better understand the community in which we want to live.

We strive each day to create a positive learning environment and take every measure to ensure the safety of our students.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.