

*Dear Huskie Families,*

*The Sunday message has been moved to tomorrow to share my thoughts on this past week.*

*Last week, our school experienced an attack, not just on the infrastructure of our campus, but on the values that define our school: respect, honor and strength. This was not a prank. These were criminal acts.*

*The usage of hate slurs and symbols are acts of harm, and they carry the weight of history, discrimination and pain. No student or staff member should ever have to question their worth or their place in this community because of the color of their skin, their identity, or their culture.*

*I am grateful for the counseling services and support resources available at our school since this attack on our school occurred and want to convey that these supports will continue to be available as we return to school this week.*

*I want to assure everyone in our community that the investigation into this attack on our school is open and ongoing. Those who may have information to share can do so via Safe Voice or via Secret Witness (775-322-4900). I have full faith and confidence in the investigation being conducted by our Washoe County School District School Police, and those who perpetrated these acts against our school will be held accountable.*

*On Friday, our seniors, parents, and community responded positively with support for Reno High School and identified opportunities to strengthen our community moving forward. Thank you. Our seniors have worked hard this year to lead with character and I am sad that a day scheduled to celebrate their accomplishment was marred by this event.*

*As we return to school this week, it is imperative we do so mindful of our core values.*

*Respect means recognizing the dignity and humanity in every person—regardless of race, background, or identity. When hateful words or destructive actions enter our halls, they attempt to strip away that respect. We will not let that happen.*

*Honor is found in how we treat each other when no one is watching. It is found in the courage to stand up against injustice and speak up when something is wrong. The actions we take now, as a community, are an opportunity to show who we really are and what we stand for.*

*Strength is not measured in silence or in turning away. True strength lies in unity—in coming together as students, educators, families, and leaders to build a school where everyone feels safe, valued, and seen.*

*Let us move forward together with clarity, accountability, and compassion. We will take steps to ensure our school remains a place of learning, not of hate. And to those who feel hurt or targeted—we see you, we support you, and we will stand with you.*

*This is our RHS community. Let us honor it with our actions.*

*Thank you,*

*Michael Nakashima*