

**CABRILLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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## Fax Memorandum

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## PRESS RELEASE

Half Moon Bay High School Administration has conducted a thorough investigation of the conduct of the football team. The investigation indicated that there were four personal fouls called by the referee on the Sequoia football team. There was no evidence of any retribution in any manner by the Half Moon Bay High School football teams towards the Sequoia football teams. The referee has publicly stated he heard no racial comments. The Half Moon Bay Football coaches have stated they heard no racial epithets. Sequoia has identified an incident during the football game that Half Moon Bay High School is still investigating but if there is substantive evidence, due to student confidentiality, the discipline will be confidential.

The rock and egg throwing came from non-school district property. All evidence will be turned over to the Half Moon Bay Police.

The Cabrillo Unified School District governing board has issued a statement (attached) that it will not tolerate any racially motivated behaviors. The school administration and the student body have issued written apologies to the Sequoia principal. The administration is going forward with a training program for the high school community about addressing racial issues.

Half Moon Bay High School students, staff, and community want the Sequoia community to know that they will be welcomed at all Half Moon Bay High School events and will be safe and comfortable.

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November 7, 2007

Morgan Marchbanks, Principal  
Sequoia High School  
1201 Brewster Avenue  
Redwood City, CA 94062

Dear Ms. Marchbanks,

This letter of apology is directed to the students, staff, football program, and fans at Sequoia High School. I am truly embarrassed by the behavior that was exhibited at the Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> football game. As a school and a community, we do not condone these types of behaviors at Half Moon Bay High School.

At the end of the football game, I briefly spoke to a Sequoia High School Assistant Principal who informed me of the following additional incidences that occurred during the game besides the streaking, egg throwing, and rock throwing:

- Racial epithets on the field during the game.
- Food being thrown at the fans as they walked to the booster snack shack.

Currently, we are reviewing the game tapes and working with the Sequoia coach to identify when the racial epithets occurred. This is a very serious matter and behavior that is not condoned at Half Moon Bay High School. Any misbehavior will be addressed by the coaching staff and administration.

I would like to indicate the steps that I have taken to eliminate this type of situation in the future, which include:

- Implementing an educational program for our students and parents.
- Coordinating with the Associated Student Body and Parent groups to reorganize the supervision, snack shack, and seating to ensure that all fans are safe at the game.
- Reviewing the start times of our football games.

I sincerely apologize for any unacceptable comments or behavior made by our students or athletes. I assure you that we will take all appropriate measures to make sure this type of behavior will not happen again.

Sincerely,

Susan Million  
Principal

Cc: Terry Stogner, Peninsula Athletic League, Commissioner of Education

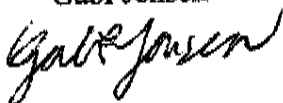
Dear Mrs. Marchbanks,

On behalf of the Half Moon Bay High School student body, we would like to formally apologize for the embarrassing and unjustifiable incidents that occurred at the Friday night football game. Please understand that we are just as shocked to hear that any individual at our high school would behave in such a manner as to insult and disrespect another high school and community because it is so out of character from the majority of our high school's population. Racism and homophobia are by no means promoted at our high school. In fact, our Gay Straight Alliance is the most widely attended and promoted club at our school. We want to clarify that the few individuals who acted so disrespectfully on Friday night are in no way a direct representation of our school or our community. Many of us were incredibly disturbed to read such a hurtful and fallacious article concerning our school. Though we agree that we are at fault for the unfortunate events that took place, we do not feel that the rest of the student body and the school as whole should be labeled in such a demeaning way. It was a mere handful of students who acted out of order, not the whole student body, and we are sad to say that these students gave such a false representation of Half Moon Bay High School. We take these events very seriously here, and we are continuing the investigation of the incidents as we inform the student body that such behavior will not be tolerated. The town of Half Moon Bay- including students, administrations, faculty, parents, and even the youth- has been given a poor reputation as a result of the incidents. We would like to make an effort to establish peace and tranquility between our schools. Hopefully this letter will reflect our effort not only to apologize to Sequoia High School, but to better Half Moon Bay's reputation as a school system and a community.

Sincerely yours,

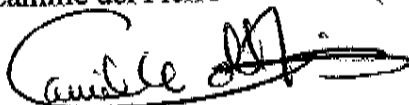
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