

Daniel Boone parents fight racism in school

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AMITY TWP., Pa. -

Words of hate on a high school bathroom wall have some parents in Berks County banding together to say, "not on our watch".

Nearly two-dozen parents attended a meeting at St. Gabriel's Church in Amity Township Thursday night after racial threats were discovered in a boys' bathroom and on Facebook.

The parents say they are concerned about the safety of the students and teachers.

Some of those parents have pulled their children out of school.

"Our kids are at home. Our kids haven't been in school. They have the right to be there, just like every other kid," said parent Monica Lacey.

Thursday morning district security searched students' backpacks before classes at the school.

District officials have announced they will continue those searches indefinitely. They say book bags and backpacks have been banned effective Tuesday.

Some parents say they are pleased with the district's new policy.

"It's a great first step and I think that came out of some suggestions they asked us as parents. What we would feel most comfortable with And that's one thing - No backpacks," said Lacey.

The district is also limiting access to some bathrooms in the school.

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