



Historic Ashburn Colored School Vandalized
Restoration Project's Go-Fund-Me account,
On-Site Press Conference Tonight at 5,
On-Site Restoration Work Day Sunday from 9-2,
Reward for Information Leading to Arrest



This weekend the Ashburn Colored School, a historic one-room 19th-century schoolhouse (located at 20635 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA 20147), was vandalized with swastikas, crude images and the words "white power."

Fortunately, this cowardly act has done nothing but strengthen our unity and help raise much needed funds to complete the schools ongoing restoration into a museum. In the short time since this occurred, Loudoun has shown its generosity and support by raising \$35,000 in addition to the pre-vandalism balance of \$16,000 for a total of \$51,000 towards the restoration project's goal of \$100,000. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can do so by visiting the restoration project's [go-fund-me account](#).

Upon hearing what had occurred on Saturday afternoon, my kids and I drove to the school to show our support for Loudoun's diversity.

For anyone wishing to attend the following events have been scheduled:

- On-site Press Conference tonight at 5 p.m. hosted by Loudoun County and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.
- On-site NAACP work day on Sunday, October 9th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to remove swastikas and slurs.

Anyone with any information about this crime is asked to call the Loudoun County Sheriffs Office at 703-777-1021 or Loudoun Crime Solvers at 703-777-1919, and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

I would like to thank Loudoun County Republican and Democratic Committees for their joint condemnation of this attack and for offering an additional \$1,000 reward toward information leading to the arrest and indictment of those responsible. This brings the current total reward to \$2,000.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Buffington".

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