

Student reward offered to find graffiti tagger

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The Grand Island School District will pay a reward to the student who provides information that leads to the capture of a graffiti tagger who's caused damage throughout the school district and town.

The reward, which Superintendent Robert Christmann said will be in the range of \$250, will be available to the first student who can point officials to the offender. Students can give information anonymously, he said at Monday night's School Board meeting.

The reward is in response to an outbreak of graffiti at three of the district's five schools as well as on town buildings, Christmann said.

A couple of students have already been caught in the ongoing investigation, but that hasn't stopped the tagging of bathrooms, hallways and other school property.

The offender will be subject to a suspension longer in duration than the standard five days, Christmann said, and the district will also press criminal charges.

A similar reward offered several years ago helped lead to the quick apprehension of a person who was making bomb threats to schools, School Board President Richard Little Jr. said. The move is necessary because of the costs involved in repairing the property that's tagged, he said.