

# BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 1, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I want to assure you that we have always, and will continue to, take proactive steps to ensure the safety and security of our schools and the health and well-being of our students whom you entrust to our care every day. As part of our focus on making sure that our students and staff are in the safest environment possible, we have spent countless hours inspecting our current security provisions; discussing the purchase and installation of additional safety measures; collaborating with our students, staff and law enforcement leadership and School Resource Officers about school security protocols; and advocating for additional funding and resources with a United States Congressman. Because a relationship with another student or trusted adult can make a world of a difference we are working with our school counseling staff, teachers, students, and administrators regarding how we provide a positive school climate where every child has a connection to someone in that school. Additionally, I have asked more members of local law enforcement to observe and constructively provide feedback while we run our security drills, and we even participated in a table top evacuation drill with Camden County College security officials, local law enforcement, maintenance staff, administrators and our School Resource Officers. We are investigating a whole host of security provisions and implementing more common sense security practices as simple as having students and staff wear their student identifications.

The aforementioned is in addition to the safety measures we already have in place:

- Armed School Resource Officers in every high school;
- Marked police vehicles stationed at every school;
- Over 70 surveillance cameras at each school with the ability of the front desk security monitors, School Resource Officers, all administrators, and Runnemede and Gloucester Township Police Departments to have live streaming video surveillance access;
- Staff security personnel at the beginning of every school day rotate around the exterior of the schools;
- Routines to check exterior doors every day at all times the school is in operation;
- Practice announced and unannounced security drills every month with police participation;

Community participation ensures our safety and success. We encourage parents to remind their child(ren) that if they see or hear anything suspicious or concerning about another child or adult, to make a report immediately to a trusted adult in the school. Parents are also encouraged to pay attention to their children's activities, including any on-line research or interactions. We have told our students not to let anyone in any entrance at any time to further secure our schools.

Lastly, some of our students have requested to participate in nationally organized events on March 14, 2018 or April 20, 2018 to peacefully support and remember the students of Stoneman Douglas High School. The School District will allow those students who wish to participate in these peaceful and respectful remembrances to do so and will have supervision in the school for those that do not wish to participate. Additionally, we will have local law enforcement presence on the exterior of the school to add greater safety to the students who do participate. Students are also planning other positive school culture events leading up to March 14, 2018 or April 20, 2018.

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The students have been asked to communicate their activities to school administration respectfully and have so far been outstanding communicators. We are certainly very proud of their actions and their leadership surrounding school safety.

I plan on updating parents and guardians throughout the remainder of this school year specific to any school security enhancements we have made and/or plan to make. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please do not hesitate to provide me with your feedback.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Repici

CC: Members of the Board of Education  
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