



Spotswood Public Schools

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Dear Parents,

The safety and security of both students and staff remains a priority in the Spotswood School District. Working with the Spotswood Police Department, the Office of Emergency Management, and the New Jersey Department of Education's Department of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning, we continually meet to review our policies and procedures to best assure that we are taking appropriate precautions and are prepared in the event of an emergency. Such current precautions and preparations include, but are not limited to:

- Upgraded Fire Alarm System at Appleby and Schoenly
- Upgraded phone system with emergency features including direct calling to 911
- District wide radio system with direct access to first responders

- Installation of an automated lockdown system in all of our school buildings
- Interior/Exterior lockdown strobe light system for all schools
- Installation of "Panic" lockdown buttons in large gathering areas

- Updated and additional camera systems in all schools
- Upgraded video surveillance software and hardware district wide
- Live streaming video feed access at the Spotswood Police Department

- Upgraded locks in over 50 classrooms to improve lockdown process
- Classroom door window lockdown blinds
- A new swipe card building access system in all schools

- Review of Crisis Team procedures for threat assessments
- NJ Department of Education building threat analysis
- Ongoing training and practice with district staff
- Monthly security meetings with District, Police, and Emergency Management personnel

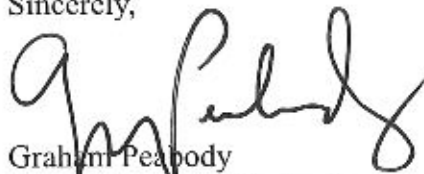
While we continue to implement and refine our practices indicated above, we also look to identify areas for improvement moving forward. Specifically, during this school year, a focus will be placed on:

- Review and implementation of a revised visitor policy for the 2018-19 school year
- Review of entrance protocols with the district architect, including the design and future installation of entrance vestibules in each building

To prepare for the building of vestibules during the summer of 2019, we will introduce and begin implementing a new school visitor policy with the start of school this year. Given that this policy is extensive and represents a significant change to our practice, it will be presented as a separate correspondence shortly. We ask that you please read and review this policy prior to the school year.

As we endeavor to keep our facilities safe and secure for our students and staff, we thank you for your input, understanding, and support.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools



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