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## **Parkland School Board Appoints Anthony M. Naradko as Director of District Safety and Security**

(Allentown) – On Tuesday, June 18, 2019, the Board of School Directors announced the appointment of Dr. Anthony M. Naradko as Director of District Safety and Security. Dr. Naradko was previously Assistant Principal of Parkland High School/District Safety Administrator.

As the District’s Safety Administrator, Tony has developed security and safety/crisis plans for all Parkland School District schools and serves as the primary Emergency Management Official for the school district. Additionally, Tony trains and supervises the district School Resource Officers, as well as Hall Monitors, Playground Aides, and Crossing Guards and coordinates vulnerability audits of schools and buildings. He oversees issues within the district security operations and participates in the hiring process, training and evaluation of district safety and security-related staff members.

In his new role, Tony will coordinate training and resources for students and school entity staff in matters relating to situational awareness, trauma-informed education awareness, behavioral health awareness, suicide and bullying awareness, substance abuse awareness and emergency procedures and training drills including fire, natural disaster, active shooter, hostage situation and bomb threats. He will continuously strive to identify strategies to improve school safety and security through the use of technology and other community resources.

Tony will oversee the Safe2Say Something Program which is an anonymous reporting system that launched state-wide in January 2019. This program, mandated under Pennsylvania Act 44, teaches students and staff how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. Further, it educates them to **SAY SOMETHING** to a trusted adult OR to use the Safe2Say anonymous reporting system, which, in Parkland, received more than 500 tips since its inception in February 2019.

Richard T. Sniscak, Superintendent of Schools remarked, “School safety and security has always been our number one priority, yet since the Parkland Florida tragedy, more effort has been taken to help improve school safety including an investment in state of the art technology by Parkland that includes high resolution video cameras and software that allows us share real-time information with emergency responders. Measures such as the Safe2Say Anonymous Tipline are a great new addition, but the staff time it takes to research every tip has become extremely time consuming. This new position will allow Tony to fully focus on school security every day as it will alleviate his duties as Assistant Principal at Parkland High School.”

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