



CLARKSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Agenda

- Clarkstown Police Department Update
- Social Media
- Overview of School Safety Drills
- Facilities Safety Update
- Safety at School Sporting Events
- Board of Education Meeting Security Protocol



Clarkstown Police and Clarkstown Central School District

Institutionalized, Long-Standing Partnership with Clarkstown Police Dept. (CPD)

- Town Supervisor George Hoehmann and Chief Jeff Wanamaker actively engage in ongoing safety planning, resource allocation and actions.
- “Omnipresence” - Patrol officers make elementary school stops as part of the daily tour of duty and park patrol cars in school parking lots
- Partnerships on threat assessments and investigations. Student safety checks.
- Assist in the communication process during emergencies
- Guidance and support for schools on safety drills and plans
- Traffic, security consulting and staffing at CCSD events
- CPD patrol cars have key card ID badges to enable entry to all schools
- CPD patrol cars have interior and exterior maps of all schools
- D.A.R.E Program - Grade 5
- Six School Resource Officers (SROs)



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Clarkstown Police - CCSD Partnership

COMMAND

Chief Jeff Wanamaker

Captain Glenn Cummings

Lieutenant JoAnne Fratianni - Special Operations

Sergeant Dan Burke - Special Operations, SROs, School relations

COMMUNICATIONS

Detective Norm Peters, Public Information Officer

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

NHS - Officer Mike Benzinger, Officer Jay Vejnaska

SHS - Officer Tim Hodges, Officer Joe Caivano

FFMS - Officer Will Cunane, Officer Gary Bromm

D.A.R.E.

Officer Kathleen Gavin, Officer John Mullins

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Officer Daniel Maloney



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Clarkstown Police - CCSD Partnership

- SRO Traffic Safety
- Vaping
- Cyber Safety



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Ongoing Social Media Concerns

- Observations from Dr. Mike St. John
Principal, FFMS



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Prevention and Response - Staff and Students

- Each building and the District have a safety team and emergency response plan which is updated annually.
- District Safety Team provides resources and support to buildings during school emergencies.
- Students and staff complete a minimum of 12 drills a year, including four lockdown drills
- Annual fire, risk management and playground inspections



Facilities - Improving Health and Safety

Lead Testing

- NYS regulation - Test drinking water in schools for lead contamination.
- 15 parts per billion (ppb) threshold
- Tested in 2016 and in 2021
- CCSD water supplier - SUEZ Water, supplier to most homes in the community
- Testing results
 - 1,078 water sources tested
 - 980 passed, 98 sources exceeded 15 ppb
 - Corrective actions have been taken. Retesting scheduled
 - Minimal risk - Water fountains have been off-line
 - Faucets for handwashing only. Signage in place
- Next step - Testing of water fountains
 - Off-line due to COVID
 - DOH requires water sources to be in normal operation for testing



Facilities - Improving Health and Safety

Phase 3 and 4 Projects Completed - Safety Related

- Phase 3 (Summer 2019) Roofs and Transformers
- Phase 4 (Summer 2020) Turf fields, tennis courts; FFMS drainage, storefront and lighting



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Facilities - Improving Health and Safety

Heating / Ventilation

(Summer/Fall 2020) Study unit ventilator project, HEPA filter installation, reengineer facilities to prepare for hybrid instruction

- Heating systems are on-line and are monitored
- Ventilation systems continue to provide fresh air to all occupied spaces
- HEPA air purifiers in all occupied spaces continue to operate effectively
- HEPA filters have been replaced
- AHU/Univent filters have been replaced



Facilities - Improving Health and Safety

Phase 5 Projects - Safety Related

- Playgrounds - New equipment, designed to current safety standards
- FFMS - Sidewalks/Paving - address broken / uneven walking surfaces
- Birchwood gym floor replacement addresses old vinyl asbestos tile
- SHS weight room AC - addresses temperature/humidity to address health concerns of strenuous activity in an enclosed area
- NHS - New modified campus entrance to allow for better traffic / pedestrian circulation and enhanced security



Safety at School Sporting Events

- Anyone experiencing COVID symptoms is expected to remain at home.
- All spectators are asked to socially distance between different household units and follow public health guidelines.
- We encourage spectators to be actively involved in positive behaviors that promote support for our team. Discourteous or unsportsmanlike behaviors are unacceptable and will be immediately addressed by game security staff.
- Section One Athletics prohibits the use of sound producing devices at interscholastic games (horns, whistles, etc).
- Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend football games at both Clarkstown High Schools North and South.
- Festa students must be accompanied by an adult or be participating in a supervised activity to remain on the school grounds.
- Bags are not allowed. Also, beverages purchased from outside the stadium are not allowed.



Board of Education Meetings

Board of Education Meetings Across the County Have Become Political Hotspots

- The Clarkstown Board of Education is taking proactive steps to ensure order and decorum at all Board of Education meetings
- Additional CCSD Security Team members are present at meetings; assist with new protocols



Department of Health Mandatory Mask Wearing.

Effective August 27, 2021 and in accordance with the Commissioner's Determination issued pursuant to the New York State Department of Health 10 NYCRR 2.60:

any person over the age of 2 (including all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors) must wear masks at all times indoors in P-12 school buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Clarkstown Central School District



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Anyone wishing to speak will be asked to provide his/her name and contact information on a sign-in sheet provided by the District Clerk. This information will be used to contact the speaker, if necessary, and to determine the order in which people will be called to speak. Each speaker will have three minutes to make his/her presentation. You cannot cede your time to another speaker. A total of one hour will be allocated to public comments at each meeting. Once the public comment period begins, no new speaker sign-ups will be allowed for that period. Comments and concerns may be addressed to the Board by writing to the District Clerk at districtclerk@ccsd.edu, who will forward them.

We want our school board meetings to serve as an example to our students and community, demonstrating that members of our school board and residents can conduct business in a civil manner and demonstrate mutual respect for each another. In this spirit, we will insist that all speakers and members of the audience maintain civility and respect for any divergent views. We ask that speakers please address their comments to the board directly rather than the audience when discussing their topics of concern.



Thank You!



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