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SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

April 10, 2018

Dear Parents,

I would like to update you regarding several security enhancements that have occurred over the last month. As I reported in my last correspondence, a security review has been underway and there will be a presentation of the findings at the Board of Education meeting at Seaford Harbor School on April 17, 2018. The information contained below has been done prior to receiving the security report from our consultants and is based upon my conversations with the Board of Education and various stakeholders in the District and community.

Some of the changes to enhance security include:

- Visitors who enter any of our buildings must submit their license to the security guard. The visitor is then issued a pass. The visitor must then return the pass to the security guard and the driver's license is returned to the visitor.
- All students in grades 6-12 will be issued lanyards so that students will display their school identification cards on a daily basis. Students are expected to wear these lanyards every day. More information about the protocols regarding the lanyards will be delivered from your building principals.
- The Board of Education is approving the purchase of Anonymous Alerts, a web-based reporting system. Students and members of the school community will be able to report issues and concerns regarding school safety through this system.
- Drop boxes are also located at the middle school and high school for students to anonymously comment on concerns and suggestions.
- The security guard posted at the visitor entrances for all our schools will have feeds from the school video cameras on a laptop at the guard station.
- There have been an additional 31 cameras added to our buildings this year. There is now a total of 128 cameras throughout the District.

Over the last month, District administration and the Board of Education have partnered with local and national law enforcement and security agencies to provide additional assistance to our schools.

- The Board of Education will approve a memorandum of understanding with the Nassau County Police Department granting the police access to our video cameras.
- In March, principals, and assistant principals attended a Situational Awareness Training presented by Nassau County Police Department.
- Building principals continue to meet with our school POP officers. The NCPD has also developed a new program in which patrol cars will visit all of our buildings on a daily basis. In addition, Nassau County Police's Department of Homeland Security has assigned an officer to Seaford Schools; he will be reviewing the security protocols in each of our buildings.
- All of the schools continue to conduct the various emergency drills in consultation with NCPD and our BOCES District Safety Coordinator.
- The District is also in the process of acquiring the Rave App. This resource will allow us to reduce the response time of emergency personnel in a crisis situation.
- In May, we will be organizing and hosting a Multi-Hazard Emergency Response Planning Course. This training takes place over 2 ½ days. Participants will include Seaford administrators and mental health professionals as well as colleagues from two neighboring districts.

In order for parents to receive information about security, pupil support services and the social-emotional programs in their schools, principals and District administration will be hosting parent meetings at each school:

<i>Seaford High School</i>	<i>April 19, 2018</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>Seaford Manor School</i>	<i>April 23, 2018</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>
<i>Seaford Harbor School</i>	<i>April 23, 2018</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>Seaford Middle School</i>	<i>April 24, 2018</i>	<i>6:30 PM</i>

Please use the link below to register to attend the parent meeting(s).

[Register by clicking on this.](#)

The safety and security of our children is of utmost importance and your support is appreciated.

Yours in Seaford Pride,

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