

# Chesterfield School Parent Meeting:

## *Security*

### *Emergency Procedures & Planning*

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# Welcome and Introductions

Chief of Police for Chesterfield Twp. Kyle Wilson

L.E.A.D. Officer Kevin Pypcznski

Superintendent Scott Heino

Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction Jeanine May-Sivieri

Principal Michael Mazzoni

# Review of Security Guidelines, Procedures, Training, and Our Facility

## *Guidelines*

- The State of New Jersey guidelines(as of Sept. 2011): two security drills per month:
  - > one fire drill per month
  - > one of the following drills per month;
    - \* lockdown( intruder in or out of the building)
    - \* school evacuation
    - \* bomb threat evacuation

We also complete several bus evacuation & table top exercises a year. Both the Chesterfield Twp. Police and Fire personnel monitor these drills.

## *Guidelines continued*

Updates and literature from:

- NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
- NJ Dept. of Education
- Burlington County Prosecutors Office
- Chesterfield Township Police Department
- American Psychological Association

*All of the above information is disseminated on a continual basis to the Chief School Administrator and administration. We also complete an MOA agreement.*

## *Procedures*

- Board of Education reviews/adopts our Emergency Management Plan which details our responses in the event of an emergency.
- Administration/classroom teachers review emergency plans and drill procedures as a team and practice both formally and informally with students.

## *Trainings: Throughout the Year*

- ❑ Administrative members attend trainings held by professional organizations and NJ DOE.
- ❑ Administrative members and selected staff meet regularly with the Chesterfield Twp. Police to review/revise emergency procedures and the school Emergency Management Plan.

## *Trainings continued*

- October- ‘Violence Awareness Month’: faculty meetings to review/discuss concerns, which may include new procedures and/or drills that have taken place in Sept. & Oct. and specific student lessons/activities.
- Throughout the school year there are ‘in-class lessons/instructions’ for students from both classroom teachers and administration.
- Special events: assemblies, emergency responder visits, etc.

## *Our Facility*

- ❖ Total of 61 cameras in public areas, both inside and on the perimeter of the building.
- ❖ Alarms signaling 'exit the building' (contain voice, light, & alarm signal).
- ❖ Main Entrance: not accessible by car/truck.
- ❖ Classrooms/office doors can be quickly secured.
- ❖ All classrooms have a phone, an intercom, 911 capabilities and a 911 alert signal to specific locations.



*Columbine High School 1999*  
*Sandy Hook Elementary School 2012*  
*Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School 2018*

Not only did these schools share a tragic event, they both signaled a change in how we approach school security.



# Public Schools in New Jersey

Consider either a courthouse or an international airport of the past.

## New Information

Every school and every community is unique. Some security guidelines will apply to all schools in New Jersey. We are in compliance with these guidelines. However, there are potential safeguards that may or may not apply to Chesterfield School. Our analysis and evaluation of school security is ongoing.

## Items for Consideration

- Procedural Changes: emergency contacts, main entrance procedures, before/after school activities.
- Facility Changes: we are considering some additional items to the school, including the main entrance/vestibule areas & main office.



*Chesterfield Township Police Department*

Chief Kyle Wilson

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# History of School Shootings

Unfortunately, there are too many school shootings today and they take place too often. Similar to places of worship, these type settings seem to no longer be 'off limits' to violence.

That being said, keep in mind that schools are still one of the safest locations to be at.

# What do we do from here?

- Review of our School Emergency Management Plan
  - As we learn new information, we are looking at our current plan to verify our Plan still is in the best interest of everyone.
- Assessment of the school and its potential vulnerabilities or areas to improve.
  - Drop off/ pick up procedures
  - Before School/After School activities

# What do we do from.... continued

- Camera placement/viewing access
  - Alarms
  - Doors/Locks
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- We need everyone to recognized that some changes that have taken place or will take place are being done for the safety of our children, and with that comes some inconveniences to us the parents.



# What can you do from here?

- We as parents need to play an active role in our children's life.
  - Talk to your children about issues they are facing.
  - Be mindful of changes in attitude/demeanor.
  - Reporting any concerns you have (school and police).
  - Secure all weapons from access from children.
  - Be mindful of your children's friends and changes you see in them.
  - Have open lines of communication with you children so they can come to you about concerns they have with someone.

# Closing

- Chesterfield Township Police Department and the Chesterfield School is committed to providing the best safety we can for our children.
  - Our training includes:
    - Within the school utilizing simmunitions
    - At the range for live fire
    - In the classroom on best practices and current trends
    - Collaborating with outside agencies (surrounding townships, NJSP, County Prosecutors Office)



# Questions or Comments??

Thanks for caring and attending our meeting.