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DISTRICT SCHOOL SAFETY CHIEF DELIVERS UPDATE ON SECURITY MEASURES

Walkthrough metal detectors installed at Kennedy High School

PATERSON – At tonight’s Board of Education meeting, District Director of School Safety and Security Dalton Price provided a brief update on security measures in place in the district’s high schools.

Four walk-through metal detectors will be installed tomorrow at John F. Kennedy High School where a student brought an unauthorized weapon into the school last month, Price said. Additional walk-through metal detectors will be installed at other locations in the district, including Paterson STEAM High School in the former Paterson Catholic High School building, he added.

As of yesterday, all high school students throughout the district are either passing through metal detectors or being wanded before they enter school buildings, Price said.

“Students have been willingly complying with the security measures we have in place,” Price said. “When the weather gets colder, we will make provisions to guard against long lines forming outside of schools.”

Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer thanked Price and his team for their efforts.

“The safety of our students and staff has to be the top priority so that we can provide school environments that allow everyone to learn and work,” Shafer said. “The measures we are putting in place combined with everyone’s cooperation will help us ensure that Paterson Public Schools are safe.”

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