



Superintendent's Update, Friday, November 21st

November 21, 2025

Good evening, POB School Community,

As we look ahead to the Thanksgiving holiday, I know many of you are preparing to welcome home college students, gather with family from near and far, and finalize the details that make this season special. Whether your celebrations are large or small, I hope the coming week brings opportunities to relax, reconnect, and enjoy time with loved ones. Below are a few important updates for the week ahead and information about our communication related to police presence on campuses.

Cheering On Our Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team

This weekend, our undefeated Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team is competing in the NYS Championships in Glens Falls. They left JFKHS this morning to a joyful clap-out from students and staff, a wonderful sendoff for a remarkable season.

You can view the video of this morning's clap-out on the District homepage at www.pobschools.org.

We look forward to welcoming the team home with an escort from the Plainview Fire Department either Saturday evening or Sunday, depending on the championship schedule. Please stay tuned for updates this weekend as we celebrate this exceptional team.

Board of Education Meeting: New Course Proposals

At Monday's Board of Education meeting, we will share our annual report on new course proposals. This presentation highlights the innovative, responsive work of our administrators and faculty, who continuously expand opportunities for our students. These proposals reflect our commitment to developing programs that meet evolving student interests and prepare them for college, career, and lifelong learning. Families are encouraged to attend or tune in to learn more.

Our Partnership With NCPD: Understanding Police Presence in Schools

As the year progresses, I want to provide clarity about our ongoing partnership with the Nassau County Police Department (NCPD).

NCPD officers:

- Visit buildings regularly
- Attend Board of Education meetings
- Serve on the District's Health and Safety Committee

With over 5,400 students and 1,100 staff members, there are occasions when NCPD or EMS will be on campus during the school day to support medical, psychological, or safety-related concerns, or to assist with investigations and incident reports. Because the reasons for their presence vary widely, it is not possible to notify families each time officers or emergency responders are on school grounds.

However, if there is any general concern related to the health or safety of students or staff, the District will notify the school community. If an issue is isolated to a single building, the principal will communicate with that school family.

I share this information so families understand our communication protocol when police or emergency vehicles are present on our campuses.

Lastly, if you are looking for a Saturday night date suggestion, there is time to see this year's JFKHS Fall Drama, *Radium Girls*, 7 pm at JFKHS.

Have a great weekend.

Warmly,

Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools