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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety and well-being of our children is the primary priority of the Palisades Park Police Department. I am writing to request your partnership regarding a significant change in state law that directly affects our community.

On Monday, January 19, 2026, legislation (S4834/A6235) was signed into law that completely overhauls the regulation of electric bicycles (e-bikes) in New Jersey. This new law was enacted in response to a rise in serious accidents involving children.

Under the new statute, every e-bike, regardless of its top speed or whether it requires pedaling, is now legally classified as a "motorized bicycle," which is the legal equivalent of a moped. This reclassification brings several major changes that you need to be aware of. Most critically, there is now a strict age requirement prohibiting any individual under the age of 15 from operating an e-bike on public roads. Additionally, licensing is now mandatory. To legally operate an e-bike, riders must possess either a valid standard driver's license or obtain a specific motorized bicycle license. Operators must be at least 17 years of age with a valid driver's license, or between 15 and 16 years of age with a valid motorize bicycle license. Furthermore, all e-bikes must now be registered with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) and carry liability insurance, just like a standard motor vehicle.

As you can see, this new law makes substantial changes to daily life for many of our students. If your child is under 15, they must stop riding e-bikes on public streets immediately. If they are 15 or older, please begin the process of securing the proper license, registration, and insurance before the July deadline.

Our officers will be focusing on education during this transition period. However, once the grace period expires, these laws will be enforced to ensure public safety. We are here to help you navigate these changes. If you have any questions regarding these new statutes, please contact us. Let us work together to keep Palisades Park streets safe for our students.

Very Truly Yours,

Chief George Beck, Ph.D.