

June 6, 2019

Executive Summary

School Safety

As a result of two recent incidents regarding firearm contraband found on school property and a school bus, Superintendent Dr. Earl Metzler and members of the Superintendent's Leadership Team called an emergency meeting with School Principals and Police representatives on Monday June 3, 2019 at 8:00 am. While this is a very busy time in all of our school buildings with end of year events, all made this meeting a top priority and each school building in the District was represented by their respective Building Principal.

After debriefing of the incidents, recommendations from the Plaistow Police Department for the Timberlane campus were made to increase police patrols around the campus at random times. In addition to basic patrols of the parking lots, the Plaistow Police Department has committed to random walk-throughs of the buildings during the school day in an effort to display their presence.

It was noted by the Plaistow Police Chief Doug Mullin that further strategies to securing our campus should be taken into consideration. While we do have a campus that keeps all exterior doors locked, there are some vulnerabilities associated with passing time. Several security options were discussed.

It was decided at the meeting that we would gather the same group in August with representatives from each of the four Police Departments in the Timberlane Regional School District. At that time, we will be finalizing our annual Emergency Operations Plan submissions and reaffirming our Memorandum of Understanding between each Police Department and the Timberlane Regional School District.

Security strategies will continue to be a topic of safety meetings. More details of this meeting may be shared in a non-public session for the Timberlane Regional School Board.

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