Chesterfield School Parent Meeting: Emergency Planning and Procedures Follow Up Meeting

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Welcome and Introductions

Superintendent Ellen McHenry Assistant Principal Michael Mazzoni

Since Our Last Meeting on Jan. 14, 2013

There has been an unprecedented amount of information being provided to schools regarding security procedures since the Dec. 2012, Sandy Hook, Connecticut tragedy. This information is being provided to schools by various school stake holders.

Information Sources continued

- ➤ NJ Department of Education: Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning
- ➤ NJ School Boards Association
- Chesterfield Township Police Department
- Department of Homeland Security
- National Association of School Psychologists
- National Association of Elementary School Principals

What does all this information mean to us?

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 will continue.

Security Procedure Changes and Adjustments

- Some changes to school security procedures have already taken place and others will continue to be modified.
- □ Changes, such as physical enhancements to the school building itself, have been approved by the Chesterfield Board of Education. These modifications will be taking place over the next few months and into the summer.

Some security concerns that were brought to our attention at our last meeting;

- a) Concerns about students at after school activities.
- b) Reviewing communication procedures to all staff members.
- c) Reviewing entry procedures and physical deterrents to entry from unauthorized individuals.
- d) Increasing police presence.
- e) Training staff in preventative measures.

State of New Jersey

- Providing information and resources for school administrators to consider regarding school safety through workshops, conferences, and publications.
- Scheduling unannounced 'spot drills' for districts to assist in safety concerns.
- State funding: this is an unknown area at this time.

Chief Kyle Wilson Chesterfield Township Police Department

Questions or Comments?

Thanks for attending this meeting.