



# Pleasantville Public Schools

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Dear Pleasantville Public Schools Staff, Students and Community,

Please be advised the District has taken the action listed below to ensure the safety of our students and staff in light of the threat against schools circulating on social media.

- The State Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning emailed information to all Superintendents and School Safety Specialists.
- The information was discussed with the Director of School Safety, shared with the administrative team and forwarded to the Deputy Chief of Police James Williams.
- Deputy Chief Williams, and his team and our team spoke yesterday. Although there are no known threats against any of our schools, as a precautionary measure, there will be an increased police presence at our schools today and moving forward.
- As in the past, we encourage parents to actively monitor your child(ren) social media use and specifically those that continually focus on negativity and threats.
- Parents/guardians, staff and students please continue to use good judgment in terms of reporting any known threats to our administration and/or the Pleasantville Police Department. The idea of "see something, say something" is extremely paramount today.

All of our schools have safety measures and protocols in place and we continue to have a close and collaborative relationship with the Pleasantville Police Department. Please be assured that the safety and well-being of our students and staff remains the top priority of the Pleasantville Public School District. If you have any questions or wish to speak to me, please email me at [farkas.karin@pps-nj.us](mailto:farkas.karin@pps-nj.us) or by phone at 609-383-6800 extension 2507.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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