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Dear Staff,

Last night, Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Raritan Township Committee meeting I spoke with members of the Raritan Township Committee to consider ways to support the development and implementation of a plan for school district security to protect the school community's investment in school buildings, facilities, staff, and our children.

Specifically, I asked the Raritan Township Committee to modify the number of police officers so as to allow the employment of Class III special law enforcement officers to serve in the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District. Class III officers are retired police officers that traditionally serve in schools to provide safety and security of staff, students, and building safety. I am seeking a shared services agreement with Raritan Township. In the near future I will be speaking with Flemington Borough about a similar agreement. Hunterdon Central High School's Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Moore, was in attendance and spoke in support of the request.

In April of 2018 the Flemington-Raritan Board of Education passed district policy 7446- School Security Program. The policy authorizes the employment of school district security officers. See the policy <u>here</u>.

The district continues to seek answers and solutions to the problem of school violence. Leadership continues to work with state and local emergency management personnel to protect our staff and students.

The safety of students, staff members, and visitors on school grounds is an important concern for the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. Questions and comments on this plan should be directed to the Office of the Superintendent.

Sincerely,

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