

February 7, 2007

To the Community of Springfield Township,

It has been awhile since I have written to you regarding our plans for improving the safety of our schools and community. However, we have been working diligently to set some initiatives in place to work toward that end.

First, we have established a Safety Committee. We had a large response from our community to serve. The Safety Committee has been divided into three subcommittees: Building Safety, Social and Emotional Safety, and Community Safety. We will post the membership list on our website for your reference. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to speak with a member of the committee or email them to Dr. Irene Bender. Dr. Bender will be certain to forward your email to the proper subcommittee.

Second, the Board has been interviewing safety firms and consulting with Sheriff Durante to choose a firm to conduct a risk assessment in the District. The Board has chosen National School Safety and Security Services. The firm has begun working with us to review the policies and procedures. They will be in the District from March 11th – 14th, to conduct onsite work. **Ken Trump, president of the firm, will conduct a community forum on Monday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in our High School Auditorium.**

Mr. Roy has been keeping you informed of the work that has been done at the High School including our visit from Dr. Mary Margaret Kerr. Dr. Kerr's community forum is currently being aired on our cable station. If, however, you do not have access to cable, we have DVD's of both the December 20th and January 22nd. Please feel free to stop by my office to borrow a copy.

I will keep you informed on the progress of our committees and thank you for your continued support as we work through the healing process.

Sincerely,
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Superintendent of Schools