



PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Pennsbury School Community,

As we begin another school year, providing a safe and secure environment for our students and staff remains a topic at the forefront of our minds. As educators, the responsibility to secure the safety and welfare of over 10,000 children and 1,400 staff in our sixteen buildings is a responsibility we take very seriously.

Physical Safety

We are working diligently to be proactive in the area of physical safety. For example, we have limited access to our schools using the Raptor Visitor Management system, and we have worked to implement improved communication plans in the event of an emergency. We have developed a multi-year plan to upgrade our camera and security systems. Several years ago, the District adopted the [ALICE](#) program. Since then, our staff review these safety protocols with our students in an age-appropriate manner. Our security plans are dynamic, and we meet regularly with local law enforcement and emergency management officials to review and revise our safety plans and protocols as necessary.

Supporting Mental Health

Just as important as our physical security efforts are our efforts in the area of supporting the social and emotional development of our students. This year we implemented the “Mindful Minute” in our schools, developed a [PreK-12 grade program](#) to support our students, and we are training a team of school-based therapy dogs. We are eligible for over \$650,000 in grant monies that will be used to expand our student support programs, including additional counseling.

Parent/Family Programming

Your partnership is an important part of our work, and we have developed the Pennsbury Parent/Family Academy to share information about the programs that will benefit your child. A schedule of the monthly programs is [available here](#).

Our first parent program is on September 29, 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the East Auditorium; we will present *What Do Children Need to Thrive? - How to Raise a Child to be Healthy First*, a presentation by George Scott. The event is rescheduled from September 19 and will also be live streamed on our district YouTube channel.

You have our commitment that we will continue to work hard to ensure that we keep our schools and students as safe as possible. I hope to see you on September 29.

Sincerely,

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As a reminder, Pennsbury uses [Safe2Say](#), an anonymous tip line, to alert us to any individual who may be struggling and/or in danger of causing harm to themselves or others. Every tip is investigated.