

Harborfields Central School District



Security Update

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Presentation Outline

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Introduction





Introduction

Harborfields is special place because of our students and the work that we have done during the years to create the family environment that makes our community so unique.

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It is important to continue to talk about the significance of our culture and the critical role that each of us play in **shaping this community**. It is imperative to maintain a sense of normalcy and security for children after this tragic event.

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- **Our schools are safe**
- Safety procedures are reviewed
- **Students know** where to go if they feel threatened or at risk
- Parents will review and reinforce safety **procedures at home**

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Importance of maintaining a normal routine

- **Keeping to a regular schedule**
- Ensure that children get plenty of sleep, regular meals, and exercise
- **Encourage them to keep up with their schoolwork** and extracurricular activities

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Observe children's emotional state

- Some children may not express their concerns verbally
- Changes in behavior can also indicate a child's level of anxiety or discomfort
- If you are concerned **talk to us or someone – be vigilant**

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Security Today





Security Today

- The vast majority of our security personnel are retired law enforcement professionals
- All exterior doors are locked with limited entrance in each building
- All classrooms and office doors have a quick locking procedure in security situations

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Security Today

- Visitors are not permitted to enter our buildings during the school day without a specific purpose
- Identification of every visitor is checked before entering the building
- Each visitor must wear an identification pass
- Door buzzer system in place at each building

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Security Today

- Roaming security guards throughout the day in each building
- Security guards at each entrance at arrival and dismissal
- Ongoing training and review of emergency preparedness, including regular drills, are practiced throughout the school year

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Security Today

- Surveillance cameras at all buildings
- A strong partnership with the Suffolk County Police Department plus regular discussions with consultants and security firms
- Front desk and security personnel are equipped with wireless devices
- Radio communication between security, custodians and administration throughout the day

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What else?





What's important

Our major emphasis is in establishing essential relationships

- The relationships that exist between students, staff, and parents at Harborfields is a model for other districts
- Our students have trust in our school system

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What's important

Our major emphasis is in establishing essential relationships

- They feel safe coming to school because they know they have adults that care for them as individuals and will listen to them
- They also hold a strong sense of pride in their “Harborfields Family” and are quick to let our staff know if one of their peers is struggling emotionally or if they are engaged in negative behaviors

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What's important

Our major emphasis is in establishing essential relationships

- Relationships are the key ingredient to our success with many student and family issues. We work with our staff to continue these efforts in line with our “one child at a time” mission.

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Programs at our schools

- Research-based Character Education Program
- Caught in the Act
- Character Trait of the Month
- Tornado Listening Caring
- Internet Safety programs/assemblies for students and parents
- Holocaust survivor speaks to students each year
- Anti-Bullying Program
- Natural Helpers Program
- Best Buddies
- No Place for Hate

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What should we do next?



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Immediate changes





Immediate Changes

Additional security cars park at designated entrances

- Security cars will be parked at each main entrance
- They will add an additional layer of security
- The initiative will continue to be maintained in the 2018 – 2019 budget

Upgrade ID scanning system

- The installation of the Visitor Management System will allow the greeter and the security guard to rapidly identify, capture, and log visitors, volunteers, employees and vendors. Once cleared, a photo badge is instantly printed designating expiration and final destination. The system is easy to use and completes the process in seconds without any hindrance to the flow of traffic.

Review and implement recommendations from our security audit

- Some of the findings will be shared with public

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Long term





Long Term

- **Two essential points that we will never assert:**
 1. Never at Harborfields...
 2. We have the perfect plan...

- **Security is not and should not be just about guards and gates**

- **We must continue in our tradition of excellence**
 1. Educate
 2. Emphasize relationships
 3. Be proactive and relentless in searching for what's best for the students

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Questions?



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THANK YOU

