



FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Colleagues and Foxborough Community Members,

We want you to know that the Foxborough School Department and the Foxborough Public Safety Departments have no greater priority than ensuring the safety of your children.

We realize that the recent event in Florida has heightened our collective sensitivity to this recurring phenomenon and has rekindled the national debate over finding solutions to the threats we face. We want you to know that the police and the schools meet weekly to regularly reassess and mitigate all known threats.

We firmly believe that strong partnerships between the schools and our families along with strong community relationships in Foxborough give us an advantage. They help us identify early-warning signs and address student needs. We are constantly challenging ourselves to keep our community and schools safe through our focus on the mental health and emotional well-being of our students. Each school has a Mental Health and Crisis Team to support our long-range goal for achieving a comprehensive system of prevention, early intervention and support.

We are discussing the creation of a Youth and Family Intervention Team that could provide a multi-disciplinary team approach to identifying and supporting at risk youth.

We constantly assess and test our ability to harden access to school buildings. Our Emergency Response Plan was developed with the Foxborough Police Department and Foxborough Fire Department in concert with external experts. There are specific and proactive safety procedures in place. We regularly review our emergency preparedness and procedures, and practice safety drills.

We are continually identifying and adapting technology best practices to ensure the safety of our school children and to ensure successful collaboration with our public safety partners.

The School and Town Administration are actively seeking town meeting approval to double the police presence in Foxborough Schools by adding a second School Resource Officer.

There is ongoing dialog between school staff and police staff on our evolving strategy to deter or respond to school emergencies.

We want you to be part of our community safety net. We ask that you remain vigilante and alert the schools and the police about anything suspicious that you might see or hear at school, in the community, or on line by adopting the "see something say something" strategy and asking your children to do the same.

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