



December 16, 2021

Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Community Members,

As reported in my <u>December 2 letter with the community</u>, in the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District, school safety and security are paramount. The District has four Class III officers employed in our District. Class III Officers are retired law enforcement officers who previously served as fully-trained, full-time police officers in New Jersey. Our Class III Officers report to our schools each day children are present to provide safety, security, and on-site support to students, faculty and staff members, and visitors.

Serving Raritan Township, Officer Mike Fitzpatrick and Officer Harry Hults, began here in Flemington-Raritan in October 2019. Serving Flemington Borough, Officer Craig Santoro began serving in the district in November 2019. Furthering our commitment to safety, just this school year, the District welcomed our fourth Class III Officer, Raritan Township, Class III Officer Darren Powell.



Our District's Class III officers are pictured above, left to right: Officer Santoro, Officer Hults, Officer Fitzpatrick, Officer Powell.

Our local authorities and the <u>New Jersey Regional Operations and Intelligence Center (NJ ROIS)</u> are aware of the social media posts circulating on TikTok concerning violence against schools. The New Jersey Regional Operations & Intelligence Center (NJ ROIC) serves as New Jersey's primary focal point for information sharing and intelligence production needed to support law enforcement, counter-terrorism, and homeland security missions.

At this time, the NJ ROIC would like our public and private sector security partners to know there is no credible information to suggest the TikTok threat is specific to any school in New Jersey. The local authorities are working closely with our Federal, State, County, and Local partners to ensure the communication of any relevant information.

As always, we review our security plans, as well as remind our personnel to report suspicious activity to the proper authorities. Today I have been in touch with our Chiefs of Police, Class III Officers, District Safety Personnel, and others regarding the TikTok postings.

The NJ ROIS requests our community to report suspicious activity to 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ (1-866-472-3365), and in an

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emergency call 9-1-1.

As part of the 2019 referendum, the District installed an upgraded emergency notification system that ensures that first responders receive the information they need to address any safety situations. Our schools' safety measures were improved with a lockdown and emergency notification system which allows us to immediately alert everyone on school grounds of a lockdown, active threat, or other emergency events.

The District continues to take strategic steps to ensure our schools remain safe places for students to learn.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools