



# Cranford Public School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff, and Community members,

In October 2016, Cranford law enforcement officials reached out to the school district to consider security measures for the highly attended public events in district, including but not limited to Cranford High School football games, basketball games, wrestling matches, and annual commencement exercises.

Two attacks (one in Linden, the other in Elizabeth) upon so-called “soft” targets, along with emerging “best practices” from Homeland Security and state anti-terrorism officials, prompted their timely outreach to us.

The Board of Education’s Policy Committee, assisted by Interim Superintendent Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, spent a great deal of time in developing a policy that would make our highly attended events even more secure than before.

The fruit of these labors is **Board Policy #1412, Permitted Items at Board-Sponsored Public Events**, which appears below. Adopted at the May 22, 2017, Board meeting, this policy delineates both permitted and prohibited items for purposes of entry to and attendance at highly attended public events.

I invite your careful review of it. Hopefully, it will become clear why we worked so closely with Cranford law enforcement officials to create it.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring an even safer environment for all participants, coaches and staff, and attendees at our highly attended public events during the year.

We are introducing this policy in various communiqués from the end of August on, so as to assure expeditious entry of all attendees and to ensure a safe environment as you enjoy these events. Please look for additional communications on Cranford High School web pages, as well as our social media like Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you and let’s all have an enriching, enjoyable, and safe 2017/18 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Rubin  
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