



Cranford Public School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Staff, and Community Members,

School safety will always be the District's number one priority. As such, this past spring, the District arranged for a safety audit by the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning in conjunction with the Union County Prosecutor's Office and the Cranford Police Department. The District received extensive positive feedback to support the best practices that it currently has in place. Additionally, recommendations to enhance safety practices were provided, and, as a result, the District is proud to announce several upgrades and enhancements for the 2018-2019 school year, including:

- **Safety Vestibules** - each school will have an electronic double door entry system
- **New visitor entry protocols** - please carefully review the District's new protocols for visitors
- **Security Cameras** - each school will be equipped with additional cameras
- **Perimeter door alarms** - all perimeter doors in each school will be alarmed and monitored
- **StopIt** - students will have the ability to report issues anonymously
- **District Coordinator of Culture and Climate** - the District established a new position to assist in attending to the social-emotional needs of our students and help enhance the culture and climate throughout the District
- **New Strategic Planning Goal** - a main focus of the newly created strategic plan is to, "Promote continuous improvement, awareness, and a culture of student safety and wellness."

There are additional safety measures that have been incorporated throughout the District, however, due to safety concerns, not all enhancements can be communicated publicly.

Please know that we will continue to work with our safety partners to reflect on practices and implement enhancements. Additionally, as part of the District's commitment to provide safety updates as well as an open forum for the community to have input into the District's safety initiatives, this year's annual safety meeting, presented in partnership with local law enforcement, will take place on September 27, at 6:30 pm, in the Cranford High School auditorium.

The District has taken significant steps over the past few months to upgrade and implement improved safety measures throughout all of our schools. Your suggestions are important and always appreciated. Please forward any items to my assistant, Mrs. Cammarata at cammarata@cranfordschools.org, and they will be directed to our Safety Committee.

Thank you for your partnership in promoting an even safer school environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Rubin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

Dr. Scott Rubin
Superintendent of Schools