Great Neck Public Schools

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Dr. Teresa PrendergastSuperintendent of Schools

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Dear Great Neck Parents/Guardians,

We take school safety and security very seriously. The district has been vigilant in its efforts to train all school personnel and to familiarize students with various safety protocols. School safety personnel have received training in cooperation with the police department, Nassau BOCES, and the NYS Department of Homeland Security. Our entrance security guards also receive two days of staff development training each year.

Each school conducts unannounced evacuation and lock down drills so that students and staff are practiced in emergencies on school grounds. The district adopted the LobbyGuard Visitor Management System to register visitors to our schools, and we have a closed circuit video surveillance system. Schools are staffed with NYS certified security guards, and marked and unmarked security vehicles patrol the district throughout the school day.

We will continue to work collaboratively as a school community of administrators, teachers, parents and staff to ensure the safety of our students. Informed communities play a critical role in keeping our loved ones safe. If a parent or student sees or hears something that might threaten the safety of someone in our school community, it is important to report any concerns to the proper authorities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Teresa Prendergast, Superintendent Great Neck Public Schools