

## Morris Hills High School



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Dear Morris Hills High School Community,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. As a follow-up to my September Safety and Security letter, I am reaching out once again to continue our dialogue with regard to addressing an issue that is of paramount importance to all of us – the safety and security of our school community.

Our school has always strived to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our students and staff, implementing various measures to ensure the well-being of everyone. Safety is a collective responsibility that involves the entire school community, including parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and students.

In recent years, we have witnessed tragic incidents in schools across the country that serve as stark reminders of the need for vigilance and proactive measures. It is crucial that we remain diligent and committed to maintaining a secure learning environment.

One essential aspect of school safety is the "See Something, Say Something" approach. This concept encourages everyone in our school community to be alert and to report any suspicious or concerning behaviors, items, or activities that they may come across. It is essential that we do not underestimate the power of timely reporting, as it can make a significant difference in preventing potential threats.

The key points to the "See Something, Say Something" initiative are the following:

**Awareness:** Encourage your children to be aware of their surroundings and to report any unusual or suspicious incidents to a teacher, staff member, or administrator. This includes incidents that take place over social media.

**Communication:** Maintain an open line of communication with your children. Encourage them to talk to you about any concerns they may have, even if they seem minor.

**Immediate Reporting:** If you or your child see or hear something that raises concerns about school safety, please report those concerns immediately to the school administration or law enforcement. Prompt reporting can help prevent potential threats from escalating.

**Anonymity:** Assure your children that reporting concerns can be done anonymously, if they wish, to protect their safety and privacy.

Please find below the contact information for our four (4) local police departments:

Rockaway Boro PD: 973-627-1314 Rockaway Township PD: 973-625-4000 Wharton PD: 973-366-0557 Denville PD: 973-627-4900 Please immediately report any suspicious or concerning behavior, items, or activities that take place after school hours to the local police department.

The safety and security of our school community depend on all stakeholders working together. We all love Morris Hills High School. Let's continue to work together to ensure the safety and security of our school each and every day. We must be united with a common goal: To protect our school environment. Your support in the "See Something, Say Something" initiative is crucial in achieving this goal.

Thank you for your continued support.

In the Spirit of Partnership,

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