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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you know there has been concern regarding school safety as a result of recent tragic events throughout the country and the world. The New Jersey State Police and the Sussex County Sheriff's Department recommend the hiring of retired law enforcement officers as security guards with carefully concealed weapons.

As a proactive response the Sussex-Wantage Regional Board of Education approved the appointment of four (4) armed security guards who will be assisting with the safety and security duties in each of our three (3) schools and for activities before and after school. These four (4) security guards are all successful and highly experienced retired law enforcement officers.

The selection included initial screening interviews of over twenty (20) qualified candidates, and the interview committee included three certified staff members, an administrator from each building and the Interim Superintendent.

Professional references have been carefully checked. Additionally, these security guards have undergone fitness for duty examinations, have completed a law enforcement liability application with our insurance company, passed a criminal history check, and possess a valid State of New Jersey Permit To Carry A Handgun as a Retired Police Officer issued by the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police.

These security guards will be highly visible in the morning throughout the school day and at before and after school activities. The security guards will be wearing a black shirt, sweater or jacket clearly indicating Sussex-Wantage Security with khaki colored pants and dark footwear. In addition to their strong law enforcement background, these security guards have been carefully selected for their ability to interact in a friendly and welcoming manner with the students, parents, staff and visitors.

Our goal is to have all four security guards on duty by early June 2018.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Robert Mooney