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Dear Parents and Lewisburg District Community,

I want to share some updates with you regarding school safety and security, as well as generalized student/staff well-being. As we began our year we opened our schools in August with four important expectations/ safeguards for all District employees:

- Wear your District issued ID tags for visibility
- Review the procedures within your work space for the door locking/security mechanisms in place
- Revisit the function on all phones to use the telephone as a public intercom system within the school
- Refrain from 'propping' exterior doors open

August and September gave way to the busy days of school, and each of our four buildings held both safety drills and monthly fire drills. Our entire staff worked through professional development using the Navigate 360 (ALICE) protocol. Our school police attended a number of trainings for their role in our schools and they attended the Safe Schools Conference to examine current school safety best practices. With the addition of our staff school safety administrator, Mr. Christopher Long, we have worked to keep this important aspect of school operations a priority.

I share additional information with you here at the mid-year mark in our academic year:

- We continue to work with the Pennsylvania State Police. In September their division of Domestic Security conducted on site reviews within each of our four buildings to assess our school security risks and vulnerabilities. Their written analysis reports inform our important action steps with respect towards assuring safety and security.
- We have directed staff members to be mindful of specific additional safe practices within each building and on all building grounds.
- We plan for additional lessons and practice drills with our students that are both developmentally appropriate and carry ongoing diligence to best prepare our students for emergencies while being mindful of the effects of these lessons.
- Our school police on site within our buildings continue to be a daily visible presence. They have become a part of our staff at large, and have interacted with all students throughout the school days. They have developed strong relationships and understanding of our student body and have been invaluable.
- We continue to provide school nurses, counselors and services from behavioral/mental health resources through dedicated staff, on site intervention services, and important linkages to resources in the greater community, all in our efforts to meet students' needs with empathy and support.

Please know that the administration and staff continue to be vigilant and mindful of school safety and student well-being and we will remain steadfast in our resolve.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cathy Moser
Superintendent