



Manhasset Public Schools

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Manhasset Families,

At a recent meeting, the Board of Education voted to support a number of safety and security enhancements based on insight from the Nassau County Police Department, BOCES Safety Specialist Peter LaDuca, and the Department of Homeland Security.

These enhancements include:

- Security vestibule construction at the main entrance of the Secondary School, Munsey Park and Shelter Rock.
- Digital radio communication system upgrades districtwide
- Additional/upgraded exterior and interior strobe lights districtwide
- Door ajar alert systems districtwide

Due to New York State's approval process, which is required for construction of the vestibules, we anticipate construction to commence in the late fall.

While recent tragedies have raised awareness of school security, it is an area that the district has prioritized for many years. The enhancements noted above will complement security enhancements **completed** in the last few years throughout the district. These include:

- Additional HD cameras, now totaling 274 districtwide:
 - Live views; accessible to Nassau County PD as needed.
 - High capacity footage storage.
- Swipe card access for building entry.
- Enhanced visitor screening:
 - Video intercom screening.
 - Trained greeters.
- Door hardening throughout.
- Automated lockdown systems with PA and text messaging.
- Exterior lockdown alert strobe lights.
- Key personnel access to police RAVE notification system.
- AED upgrades with automated communication to Nassau Emergency Services.

As part of this ongoing effort, police officers from the Nassau and Suffolk County police departments, the Department of Homeland Security, BOCES Safety Specialist Peter LoDuca, and our building safety teams, are completing building specific assessments that will support our ongoing efforts to strengthen procedures, protocols, and our physical plant.

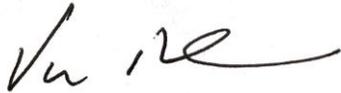
In addition to the physical enhancements, we are committed to ensuring that we have a comprehensive system K-12 for identifying, addressing, and monitoring the mental wellness of

our students, as this has been identified by a wide range of professionals as the single greatest impact on enhancing the safety and security of our students. We look forward to sharing a great deal more on these efforts in the fall.

We thank you for your ongoing involvement and support of our schools and will continue to keep you informed of all decisions and developments regarding safety and security in our schools. Your input is invaluable as we aim to provide the safest possible environment for all students, faculty, and staff.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 516-267-7705 or contact me at vbutera@manhassetchools.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vin Butera', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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