



Richard Stockton Elementary School

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TO: The Richard Stockton Community

In a letter addressed to the Cherry Hill community, Dr. Meloche states: In the Cherry Hill Public School District, our children and our staff are our most precious resource. They are the heart and soul of who WE are.

As a district, our top priority has always been and will continue to be the safety and security of our entire educational community. At Richard Stockton, I have made this our top priority since the day I arrived.

In light of recent events, the school district has taken a comprehensive look at our current safety protocols and how we can continue to improve.

As we move forward, the district is committed to short-term and long-term enhancements and developments in our safety and security.

Beginning on Monday, March 5, 2018, the Cherry Hill Public School District will be implementing the following enhanced security protocols:

- There will be an increased Cherry Hill Police presence in our schools. The Cherry Hill Town Council, Mayor Cahn and Chief Monaghan have committed officers who will be a dedicated and visible presence in our schools, beginning on Monday, March 5, 2018, through the end of the school year on June 19, 2018.
- All parents/guardians/family members must present photo identification and the student identification number of their child prior to being admitted to the school building. Once in the building, visitors should report directly to the main office to sign in. Upon departure, visitors will be required to sign out.
- A letter with your child's student's identification number was sent home on March 5, 2018. If you have not received this letter, please contact my office immediately.
- All other visitors, including alumni, must establish an appointment prior to arriving at the school, and will be required to present photo identification to be admitted to any school.
- The hours of operation at Richard Stockton are 9:00AM – 3:30PM. All doors will be locked at 9:00AM. Any student arriving later than 9:00AM will have to report to the office and be signed in. Only late bus arrivals will be permitted to go straight to class.

- At dismissal, walkers will continue to be let out at the doors closest to our Kindergarten classrooms. All other students will exit at the main entrance to their buses.
- We will only accept written notes from parents or guardians if you choose to change your child from a walker to taking the bus or vice versa. WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CHANGES VIA A PHONE CALL.
- ALL EXTERIOR DOORS WILL REMAIN LOCKED DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
- All staff members and visitors will wear their identification badges at all times in the building.
- Richard Stockton will continue to hold a minimum of one fire drill and one security drill each month.
- All staff meetings will include a review of district safety and security procedures.

We are committed to educating your children and will ensure a safe and secure environment for them to learn. I am available, should you wish, to discuss these protocols moving forward.

Respectfully,

James Riordan
Principal Richard Stockton Elementary School