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Dear Washington Township Families and Staff:

As we open the 2017-18 school year, you may begin to notice an increased police presence in and around our schools. There is no cause for alarm.

Washington Township Police Chief Pat Gurcsik has issued a "directed patrol," requiring his officers to visit our schools during their assigned shifts. Also coming are "High Five Fridays" when police officers will be greeting students on Friday mornings as they enter our three middle schools. These efforts are among new outreach initiatives being planned and implemented in an effort to create positive interactions and foster a sense of security and friendship.

Our school community proudly embraces this partnership with the Washington Township Police. We extend our thanks to Chief Gurcsik and his officers for making the safety of our students and staff a priority by being visible, vigilant, accessible and connected.

Best wishes for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bollendorf Superintendent of Schools

The mission of the Washington Township Public Schools is to provide a safe, positive, and progressive environment that provides opportunity for all students to attain the knowledge and skills specified in the NJ Student Learning Standards at all grade levels, as to ensure their full participation in an ever-changing world as responsible, self-directed and civic-minded citizens.