



May 29, 2018

Dear Weston Community,

We are following up with you concerning the new and exciting partnership between the Weston Police and the Weston School System that was recently communicated to you by the individual school administrators. Historically the Weston Public School system and the Weston Police department have always had a strong partnership, one we agree, given the events around our country recently, we wanted to deepen and improve upon. One way we have decided to do this is to have police officers in the schools on a regular basis meeting and interacting with students and faculty. As you know this new emphasis began at the end of last month and in speaking with administrators at each of the buildings and with the police, the program has been well received and as a result is a practice that we are planning to continue.

The safety of the students and school professionals is a paramount concern of ours, and this new emphasis was a result of that continual and ongoing evaluation. An increased presence sends a message that the police are here to support and protect our schools, teachers, students and families. A second benefit to these changes is that the students get to know the police officers and the officers get to know the children and youth in our community and can be seen as a resource to them.

Although this is a new practice, the initial positive response gives us tremendous hope that we are moving in the right direction. The partnership between the schools and the police will only grow stronger for the betterment of the entire community. Thank you for all of the support you continue to provide to us as we will continue to work on the behalf of the children and youth of Weston in partnership.

Sincerely,

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Midge Connolly, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Michael Goulding
Chief, Weston Police Department