



Lebanon Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well with attention turning away from snow and towards tending your flower beds and vegetable gardens. I want to give you an update on student and school safety initiatives that are ongoing in our district. Efforts include those related to facilities, emergency response protocols and programming for staff, students and parents.

School Safety and Vulnerability Assessments have begun for each of our schools. The assessments are being conducted by a team from the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security as well as Scott Schuett, Fire Marshal; John Lyon, Fire Chief and Collin Konow, Resident Trooper. I participated in the assessment of Lebanon Middle School and can attest to the very thorough inspection of the building and grounds. Unfortunately, the weather has interrupted scheduling assessments at our other two schools, but we anticipate setting dates soon. We are looking forward to receiving the report so we can have focused efforts in improving security at our schools.

Emergency response protocols used by school staff are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the district's School Safety Committee. Recently, these were updated again. Resident Trooper Konow provided the staff at each school with training on a Run/Hide/Fight protocol that has evolved nationally based upon active shooter incidents that have occurred in schools, work places, churches, malls and other places. Other training recently provided to district staff is in controlling bleeding, specifically, how to use tourniquets and bind wounds. We are purchasing trauma kits that will be placed in the schools for ready access.

The support staff at Lyman Memorial High School recently organized two presentations for students and staff and one for parents and the community. The first was an acting group that performed several sketches or short plays with themes of sexual assault, suicide, drug use and other topics crucial to teen social-emotional wellness. The students could ask questions and were given time to debrief with school staff. The second was a two part presentation on Opioid Awareness. Three speakers shared their personal experiences with the students and staff in an all-school assembly during the day. In the evening, these same speakers, joined by 4 others addressed parents and community members. Also present in the evening were representatives from several support agencies who provided literature about addiction and explaining the support services available to the Lebanon community. Special thanks goes to School Social Worker, Sabena Escott, for taking the lead with these initiatives.

The Board of Education, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, along with Resident Trooper Konow, are collaborating on reestablishing a School Resource Officer position that would work with students, families and staff of the Lebanon Public Schools. With support of the community, a school resource officer could be in place for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Angeli
Superintendent of Schools

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