## NORTH TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Jeffrey Jachlewski, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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Dear North Tonawanda City School District Community,

At North Tonawanda City School District, our students' and staff's physical, mental, and emotional safety will always be our top priority. We are committed to creating a secure and supportive environment where everyone can thrive. Our district works closely with the North Tonawanda Police Department and our local BOCES to ensure we are following best practices with safety and security.

Daily Safety Practices:

- Our schools are staffed with School Resource Officers (SROs) and active/retired police officers serving as building security guards.
- All exterior doors remain locked throughout the day to maintain a secure perimeter.
- We utilize a comprehensive system of interior and exterior cameras along with digital radios to ensure rapid communication between buildings.
- Students and visitors of the High School and Middle School are screened by a weapons of mass casualty detection system before entering the building.
- Visitors must provide identification that is screened through multiple databases before entering the building through a single point of access.
- Emergency classroom communication mechanisms with our main offices ensure rapid responses if emergencies arise.

Students and families should also remember the ways they can help keep the North Tonawanda community safe. This includes but is not limited to, updating all contact information with our schools and doing the following:

- If you see something, say something
- Immediately report any concern
- If a safety concern arises after hours, students and families should immediately contact the North Tonawanda Police Department.

We are dedicated to maintaining a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our school community. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our schools safe.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Jachlewski