



Marblehead Public Schools

9 Widger Road, Marblehead, Massachusetts 01945

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The new school year is upon us. These are exciting times for students, parents, and school staff alike. This year, the Marblehead Public School system, in partnership with the Marblehead Police and Fire Departments, are working more closely together than ever to ensure the safety and security of children and employees in our schools. It seems prudent, with what's happening in schools around the country, for all of us to review our efforts in providing the safest learning and working environment possible. I am convinced that all Marblehead Schools can maintain the welcoming neighborly environments we are famous for while still providing a safe and secure environment.

This year, the school system will be implementing new security measures and the administration and faculty will key in on existing security procedures. Please do what you can to help our staff accomplish their security goals. Please note that secondary exterior doors to school facilities will be locked to prevent access from the outside, but will continue to allow safe egress from the inside. The only door that will be open during the school day is the main entrance of each building. All staff members will be issued a badge of identification that will be worn at all times while at school. Upon entering, ALL visitors will be required to check in at the main office and be issued a visitor pass. We ask that all visitors wear their pass while in our schools. As we work together, we can make a difference in providing a safe environment in an open and friendly way.

Working closely with the Marblehead Police Department and their counterparts at the state level, the school department will seek out information related to safety concerns existing in the community. Awareness and compliance with safety procedures will assist our teachers in giving each of our children the best possible environment in which to learn.

Periodically, you or your children may observe a uniformed police officer in the school or walking the grounds. There will also be occasions when non uniformed officers are present in the schools. Our partnership with the police results in officers on regular patrol making occasional visits into the schools when the police department's call volume permits. Additionally, both the police and fire departments have seen a considerable turnover of employees. Both departments have been and will continue to tour all of the schools to better familiarize themselves with the building layouts in the event of an emergency. Police officers have assured me that they will remain unobtrusive, while adding another level of security to our children's learning environment.

We all feel privileged to be a part of this great school system. The School Committee believes our first responsibility is to provide a safe and secure learning environment in all Marblehead Schools. To accomplish this goal, we have established a Security subcommittee this summer composed of police and fire department representatives, school administrators, school maintenance staff, school committee members, private security consultants, and parents. Later in September, a survey will be distributed to all school employees in order to ascertain staff concerns related to security issues. The results of the survey will direct the subcommittee's work for the next few months. We hope to have a "plan of action" completed by November/December of this year; however, we look forward to initiating basic security measures as soon as possible this month. Working together, we can make a difference that will result in a safe learning environment for our children and staff that is second to none.

Sincerely,

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