

Bloomingtondale Public Schools

Walter T. Bergen Middle School

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Dear Walter T. Bergen School Community,

The Bloomingtondale Public Schools number one priority is the safety, security, and well-being of all students and staff. New Jersey Department of Education guidelines require our school to hold two safety/security drills each month, which are comprised of lockdowns, shelter in place and evacuations. These drills are conducted in cooperation with the Bloomingtondale Police Department, who also make daily walkthroughs of our building. Additionally, our school doors are locked at all times and the building is monitored 24/7 with a new security camera system accessible by the BPD.

The following safety measures are effective immediately to safeguard the WTB School community:

- Main office staff will properly screen all visitors to WTB prior to entering the building.
- All visitors must have a pre-arranged appointment prior to being admitted into the building. ***Visitors without an appointment who have an emergent issue and arrive at school without an appointment will be permitted entry after proper screening.***
- Main Office staff will not permit anyone into the building without an appointment or who are not pre-registered to attend a school function.
- If an item left at home is brought to school by a parent/guardian, the item must be placed in a receptacle outside the main entrance labeled with the child's name and grade. Items will be retrieved and delivered to students at 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM, and 2PM. *No exceptions.*

We encourage you to report any security concerns to school administration or law enforcement immediately. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Frank Verducci

Frank Verducci
WTB Principal