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A message to the residents of Point Pleasant Borough,

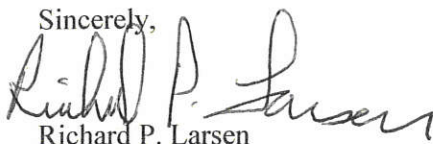
In light of recent national events and much appreciated feedback from our residents, I would like to take a moment to reassure everyone that the safety of our school children and school staff is and has always been at the top of my concern. The Point Pleasant Police Department will continue to take a proactive stance in policing our schools while continuing an open dialogue with school and municipal officials. We don't sit back and wait for tragic national events to occur before taking action. During the last few years I have enhanced officer patrol coverage at our 4 schools. In September 2017, in the interest of school safety, our Mayor and Borough Council provided me with the funding necessary to hire additional Special Law Enforcement Officer II's. Since last October, I have assigned these officers primarily to patrolling and walking the hallways and grounds of all of our schools. These officers supplement the outstanding job my regular officers are doing in patrolling our schools each and every school day. Every one of my officers are highly trained and take an active role in keeping our children and school staff safe in many ways. Community policing has been a major cornerstone of our department, with an emphasis on the safety and security of our school children. Over the last few years, residents have seen an increase in our officers not only patrolling our neighborhoods, but patrolling our schools as well. Our police presence is prevalent and continually evolving to meet the needs of today including the addition, for the first time ever, of a K-9 unit to help us accomplish our mission to ensure the safety of our community.

I appreciate the many calls and various correspondence that I have received and continue to receive, especially over the past few years, recognizing the visibility and job well done by my officers and school staff at our schools. Some of this recognition has come from police officers from other agencies who have children in our school district and recognize our police officers positive involvement with our school children and the enhanced security at our schools.

We will continue this enhanced site security at our schools. We will also continue to work with our school Superintendent to refine our inter-agency communication and awareness of students who potentially pose heightened safety risks to our school environment because it is in the best interest of our children. We will continue to thoroughly investigate to conclusion all leads we develop on individuals that potentially pose a risk to our children or school staff. We will always continue to monitor, examine and refine our school security procedures to ensure the best practice for the safety of our children.

The continued safety of our students, school staff, community members and visitors always remains my top priority.

Sincerely,


Richard P. Larsen
Chief of Police