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**TO:** Ms. Pat Dillahunty  
HSSD Superintendent

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**FROM:** Walter Smothers

**SUBJECT:** HSSD Safety 2015-2016

Dear Ms. Dillahunty,

As we prepare to begin a new school I would like to ask that you share this letter with the parents and guardians of students in the Huntingdon Special School District. There are several things common to all three schools and some specific to each school, primary, middle and high school.

First of all I want to inform the parents and guardians of all students that there is a strong corroboration between the Huntingdon Public Safety Dept. and the HSSD. It is a joint effort between our organizations to provide the highest level of support for the safety of our students and school staff. I would like for all parents to be aware that we do school walk thru tours several times during the day and provide a security presence at each school prior to the beginning of classes each morning unless we have an emergency situation elsewhere. We want parents to understand that if a police vehicle is present at a school it does not indicate that there is a problem, most likely we are just there to enhance the safety of the students and staff. If anyone has a security or safety concern they can feel free to contact either of us to convey their concerns.

**HUNTINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL-COX STREET and ROLLINS AVE are one way streets in the morning and afternoon!** Everyone dropping off students at this school please be aware we have had some near miss traffic safety incidents with students being dropped off and the parent/guardian looking back to see that the child gets into the school and in doing so almost hitting a child, adult or another vehicle. Please pull your vehicle forward and stop completely if you wish to watch your child until they are inside the building. Also please be aware that some children get out of the drivers side of vehicles and may be in the lane of traffic. Please watch where you are going and watch for children in the roadway.

**HUNTINGDON MIDDLE SCHOOL- BROWNING AVE is one way in the morning and afternoon!** In addition to violations of the one way street we have had issues with vehicles speeding and passing school busses with the stop sign out. There are signs on school property advising that it is illegal to pass a bus with its stop sign out on school property as well as on the streets. My Officers have been instructed to issue citations for any violation of this law. Please be aware that students may be let out in the morning either in front of the school or at the back of the middle school gym (access to the gym is from Clark Street). Motorist should be alert for students on bicycles, especially at our Middle School.

**HUNTINGDON HIGH SCHOOL- MUSTANG DRIVE** All motorist should observe the School Zone speed limit on Mustang Drive and be aware that it is NOT a one way street at any time. All students should be aware that speeding/reckless driving laws and penalties apply the same on school property as they do on the public streets.

We look forward to inter-acting with the students of our schools throughout the school year and to providing the best for their safety and peace of mind for all parents, students and staff.

Sincerely,



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