



# Brigantine Public School District

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Dear Brigantine School Community:

As a result of the recent horrific event that took place in Parkland, Florida, we are reminded of the importance of continually reviewing the measures we have in place for safety and security. More importantly, we are aware that parents and children are dealing with a frightening new reality.

This past week school staff and administration met with liaisons from the Brigantine Police and Fire Departments to review the safety practices and procedures we have in place and to discuss ways we might improve. The agenda included staff training, camera access, inside/outside doorways, lockdown and fire drills, general safety tips, and continued police presence in our schools. In addition, all employees will now get text messages in the event of an emergency as appropriate. Our goal is to continue to monitor our emergency management plan and work with first responders so that, should any type of emergency occur, we can react as quickly and safely as possible.

As the media continues to cover this tragic story, we realize students may be dealing with different emotions. We are staffed to give guidance to your children to ensure they feel safe and secure in school each and every day. According to the American School Counselor Association, it is important to remind students to report any type of threat they may hear or see to an adult. It is equally important to remind children that “the world is a good place to be, but that there are people who do bad things.” You may also want to visit our school website at [www.brigantineschools.org](http://www.brigantineschools.org) for parent resources to assist in communicating school violence to your children.

As always, please reach out to the building principal or your child’s guidance counselor at any time should you feel the need.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle M. Cappelluti, Ed.D.

Interim Superintendent of Schools