

# West Essex Regional School District Board of Education Meeting

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September 12, 2022



# Reports

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- Board President's Report - Deb Calderone
- Superintendent's Report - Damion Macioci
- WEMS Principal's Report - Gina Donlevie
- WEHS Principal's Report - Caesar Diliberto



# Strategic Plan Update

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- Partnered with The Madison Institute
- Created Strategic Planning Committee
- Engaged in community stakeholder sessions
- Collected data through stakeholder surveys
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- Strategic Planning Committee includes:
  - 16 Staff Members (4 HS, 3 MS, 4 Central Office, 5 Administrators)
  - 4 Board Members (1 per town)
  - 7 Parents (1 per town, and MS/HS)
  - 6 Students (4 MS, 2 HS)



# Thank You & Welcome

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- Chief Mark Deuer - North Caldwell Police Department
- Chief Anthony Manna - Fairfield Police Department
- Acting Director - John Matheis - Roseland Police Department
- Chief Darren Volker - Essex Fells Police Department



# Safety and Security Update

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School safety and security is a high priority for the entire school community, including students, staff, and parents.





# Safety and Security

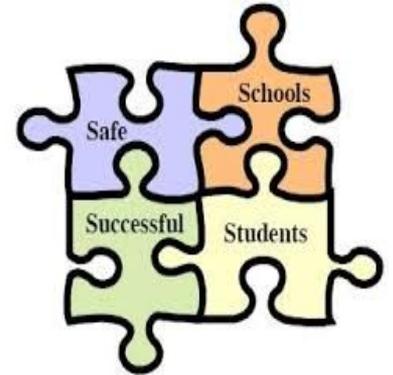
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- The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) takes proactive measures to work with school districts.
- The Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning (OSPEP) provides direct support to our schools in establishing safe and secure school environments.
- West Essex has established and maintains a school safety and security plan that address all hazards and follows the phases of crisis management planning, which includes mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.
- Our plans are developed and reviewed annually with our Safety and Security Team and the North Caldwell Police Department.

# Safety and Security Update: June 13, 2022

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- Physical Security
- Training and Staffing
- School Security Drilling
- Cybersecurity





# 2022-2023

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- Beginning August 31, a uniformed North Caldwell Police Department (NCPD) Officer is assigned to the campus during school hours.
- Safety Coordinator, Mr. Peter Davis, will continue to work in both the middle school and high school during school hours.
- Report secure, anonymous safety concerns through the [Say Something Anonymous Reporting System](#).
- Intent to employ a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III.



## Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) Class III

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- Partnership between the West Essex Board of Education and the Borough of North Caldwell (NCPD).
- Our intent is to employ a SLEO Class III for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Agreement between both parties to be reviewed and approved in the upcoming months.
- Tentative timeline for process - December 2022 - January 2023.



# SLEO Class III Requirements

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- Must be a retired officer who has previously served as a full time law enforcement officer in any municipality, county, agency of this state, bi-state agency, or federal agency, and must be living in New Jersey (agency in good standing).
- Must be less than 65 years of age for appointment.
- Must pass a psychological exam.
- Must pass a medical exam and have doctor complete Medical Certification Form.
- Must pass a Drug Test pursuant to Attorney General's Law Enforcement Drug Testing Policy.
- Must have an updated background investigation.

***Officers retired more than 3 years will be required to complete the Basic Course for Police Officer, waiver for Physical Conditioning and Defensive Tactics will be granted.***

# Middle School Principal's Report

*Gina Donlevie, Principal*

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- Utilizing Data to Improve Student Outcomes
  - LinkIt Assessments
  - NJ Start Strong
- Improving the Culture & Climate
  - Grade-Level Assemblies
  - *Welcome Knight* Event
  - Spring Lake Trip

# High School Principal's Report

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- LinkIt and Start Strong testing through September 23.
- Grade level meetings on day 2.
- Home football opener against Caldwell on September 23, including the Marching Knights, the Lady Knights and Dance Team.
- SPIRIT WEEK - September 27 through October 1
  - 9/28 - Boys Soccer at 4:00; Girls Tennis at 4:00; Cross County at Branch Brook Park
  - 9/30 - COLOR DAY - Football at 7:00 with the Marching Knights, Lady Knights and Dance Team
  - 10/1 - Girls Soccer at 10:00 a.m. Girls Volleyball at 10:00 a.m. Field Hockey at 4:00 p.m.
- Back to School Night - Tuesday, September 13

# Upcoming Board Meeting

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***Next Meeting: Board Retreat***

September 21, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.

**WEMS Room 121**

[West Essex Youtube](#)

**For Board Information:**

[https://www.westex.org/district/board\\_of\\_education](https://www.westex.org/district/board_of_education)