



# SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Anthony Q. Davis, Superintendent of Schools

Department of Public Safety

Thomas Ristoff, Director

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Dear Syracuse City School District Community Members,

As we prepare for the start of the 2024-25 school year, we wish to welcome all students, staff, and community members as we return. We welcome your participation within our greater school community and for the safety of all stakeholders, respectfully request that you kindly follow all District visitor procedures as you visit our schools, campuses and continue with your student's educational journey.

The District Department of Public Safety is on a continuous mission of assessing safety and security measures in and upon our schools and campuses to enhance the learning environment for all.

Our primary objectives involve providing a safe and supportive environment for all, while we leverage available security and safety technologies, to assist in securing our campuses. Our staff expectations are to respond to all interactions and situations to ensure safety, while treating all persons with a high degree of community, professionalism, and respect. We are committed to collaborating with all community members, support organizations and local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to provide us with feedback to drive our mission.

The District Safety Plan is composed of three active components, which are updated annually:

1. The District Code of Conduct, Character, and Support
2. The Districtwide Emergency Response Plan
3. The District Safety Action Plan

I encourage you to take the time to review each of the components of the District Safety Plan and please share any comments, which you feel would be meaningful regarding the safety climate within our District.

Thank you in advance, for your continuing support of our safety mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Ristoff'.

Thomas Ristoff, Chief Emergency Officer

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