



SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Anthony Q. Davis, Superintendent of Schools

Department of Public Safety

Thomas Ristoff, Director

Dear District Community Members,

July 24, 2023

As the District readies for the start of the 2023-24 school year we wish to welcome all of our students, staff and community members return. We encourage your involvement within our greater school community and kindly ask that you follow District visitor procedures as you visit our schools, with your students, so that we can provide a safe environment for all.

The District Department of Public Safety has continued within our mission of continuously reassessing our District safety and security measures and striving to enhance the learning environment for all stakeholders.

Our objectives include providing a safe and supporting environment for all, to leverage cost effective safety solutions and technology, while treating all persons with courtesy, professionalism, and respect. As a department of public safety, we strive to provide continuous training for staff and students and we are committed to working closely with our community, support organizations, local law enforcement and public safety agencies, to solicit input to provide us with direction and transparency.

As you are aware, the District Safety Plan consists of three active components, which receive annual updates:

- [1.The District Code of Conduct, Character and Support](#)
- [2. The District wide Emergency Response Plan](#)
- [3.The District Safety Action Plan.](#)

I invite you to review each of these components of the District Safety Plan and provide us with any comment, which you feel would be meaningful in relationship to the safety climate within our schools.

Thank you in advance, for your continuing contribution to school safety.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas Ristoff

Chief Emergency Officer

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