



OTSEGO

— PUBLIC SCHOOLS —

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Dear Otsego Families:

Welcome back from spring break and I hope you had a great time whether it was here in Otsego, or someplace where it was warm and sunny. Spring will be here soon!

During the last two weeks of March, five meetings were held for parents and community members to share their concerns, identify areas of strength, as well as opportunities for improvement related to our school safety procedures. Thank you to all who took the time to attend and those who were willing to provide important feedback. The information gathered will be discussed this month with the District Crisis Team and Board of Education along with prioritizing a list of recommendations for improvement. I anticipate these improvements being shared with you after board approval in May.

I wanted to make you aware that we have been working with local law enforcement agencies (Otsego Police Department, Allegan County Sheriff's Department and the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department) to create a process for them to be in our buildings more consistently. Beginning later this week we will be providing space for road patrols to stop in during their shifts, complete paperwork and visit with staff, students and parents as their time allows. They will not have set office hours. Please do not be alarmed if you see a police cruiser or officer, as we collaborate with law enforcement to provide a safe and secure learning environment. This partnership will provide an added safety measure as well as an opportunity for students to build positive relationships with our local law enforcement officers.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to express my appreciation for these agencies and their assistance in maintaining a positive and safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

Jeffery S. Haase
Superintendent