PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dr. Bracken Healy Superintendent



Mr. Colin Monahan Business Administrator Board Secretary

April 11, 2024

Dear Passaic Valley School Community,

I am writing this letter to provide you with an update regarding the security incident that occurred on Monday, April 8, 2024.

On the morning of Monday, April 8 our security officers noticed an unknown male adult walking up to the school entrance. Security officers approached the individual and the unknown male stated he was there to visit some of his former teachers. As per district policy, our security officers informed this person that he would have to call and make an appointment. The individual became irate and physically assaulted both officers. A lockdown was initiated and Little Falls police officers arrived on scene within a minute.

The individual was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and criminal trespass. He was subsequently released and yesterday he appeared across the street from PVHS. Police were notified and our security team monitored the individual's movement. When police made contact with him he stated he knew he was banned from stepping foot on campus, but he was hoping to see a few of his old teachers. The school is seeking legal remedy to have the individual barred from coming within 1000 feet of a school building, but ultimately this decision rests in the hands of the courts.

We do not compromise on safety and security. Our high school security team is composed of recently retired law enforcement officers who open carry on school grounds. They receive yearly training and professional development in school-related emergencies, including active shooter situations. The security team also participates in workshops and training scenarios with our local police departments to strengthen our ability to function as one cohesive team. As a district, we regularly practice school security drills and I am especially proud of how well our students and staff responded during a real-life crisis.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Educationally yours,

Br Healy

Bracken Healy, Ed.D. Superintendent