



Weston Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent
William S. McKersie, Ph.D.

MEMORANDUM

To: WPS Families and Staff
Date: May 18, 2018
Subject: 5-18-18 Superintendent's Security Update

Dear WPS Families and Staff:

Our thoughts are with the students, staff and families of Sante Fe High School in Texas during their time of pain and grievous loss.

The Weston Police Department moved immediately to have extra visibility of officers in and around all schools and across campus. Chief Henion is committed to continuing the same visibility next week to help students and staff feel assured of their well-being.

Last night, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the Supplemental Appropriation necessary to advance the School Policing Proposal, which will substantially increase the number of full-time police officers dedicated to the Weston Public Schools. (See memorandum at http://www.westonps.org/cf_news/view.cfm?newsid=877.) If approved by the Board of Finance at its June 2018 meeting, the School Policing Proposal will ensure that Weston has extensive police protection for the entire campus. Increased police presence is essential in these difficult times.

Our partnership with the WPD is a critical part of a multipronged approach—***providing high quality security personnel, structures and technology*** and ***developing connections to assist students and families in crisis***—to effectively identify and prevent security threats. Moreover, the now approved FY 19 Operating Budget increases our staff capacity to identify and assist students and families in crisis.

The safety and well-being of Weston students and staff is the highest priority of the Board of Education and Administration. We are joined in that commitment by the Weston Police Department and all Town of Weston leaders. Everyone in Weston should understand that I am fully dedicated to the safety of all of our students and staff.

Sincerely,
Bill