



**KEANSBURG**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Titan Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

On behalf of the Keansburg Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff we would like to welcome back all of our students on September 5, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year. The beginning of a new school year is exciting for all of us. We have spent the summer eagerly preparing for your student's return, and we look forward as always to sharing new learning experiences with each of you.

**On the reverse of this letter we have provided a new protocol for all visitors during the school year.**

As you know school security has been and will always be a priority in our school district. We would like to mention a few measures that we have added to our security protocol this year. Mr. George Hoff is now our School Security Specialist. We have added to our curriculum our School Resource Officer, Patrolman Soranno, who will be making visits to each classroom this year to speak with our students about safety and citizenship. You will also notice at each of our schools we have Special Law Enforcement Officers Class III (SLEO III) on patrol. These police officers are recently retired and have full police powers and will be in uniform at our schools. We have also hired security officers who are now employed by the district to oversee security in our buildings. These security officers come highly recommended from federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies as well as former security professionals.

The Keansburg High School entrance has been enhanced with a new sign and flag pole. Our new Pre-K construction is anticipated to begin at the end of 2019. We are excited for this project and will keep you informed when the construction begins.

As you are aware there has been much discussion about school funding. We have been working with our local, county and state elected officials to ensure Keansburg continues to receive the continued financial support we need. We will keep you informed on our fight to restore and continue state funding for our school community.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and district. We know 2018-2019 will be another great year of many successes for our students and community.

Sincerely,  
John J. Niesz  
Superintendent

**Reminder – September 5,6,&7 are ½ days for all students**

# Keansburg School Entry Protocol

The Entry Door Access Protocol was established in collaboration with the Keansburg Police Department and our District School Safety Specialist.

Please note the following:

- No visitors are to enter the building with students during arrival. All visitors to our schools should have an appointment to enter the building. (If you require assistance, an appointment must be made after the start of the school day.)
- At the buzzer, it is expected that all visitors will state the purpose of their visit and/or specify with whom they have the appointment.
- All visitors are required to show photo identification prior to being buzzed into the building.
- If the appointment is verified, the visitor will be buzzed in and must present themselves to the main office immediately upon entry.
- Visitors will be required to show photo identification again, and sign in to obtain a visitor's pass.
- It is imperative that visitors do not hold the door open for others behind them. Each visitor must be acknowledged individually through the buzzer system.
- If you must drop off an item for a student (lunch, homework, etc.) you will be directed to deposit that item in a bin outside the main entry. Entry into the school is not permitted.
- If you will be picking your child up early, you must notify the office in writing prior to dismissal. If it is an emergency, call the office to notify the school.
- Front office secretaries will be required to call 911 and notify school administrators if the visitor is uncooperative, does not adhere to the procedures, or becomes threatening.
- Ultimately, failure to follow these procedures may result in a lockdown for the safety of our students and staff, and the Keansburg Police Department may be notified that an intruder is in the building.

We know that this protocol is stringent and may inconvenience our visitors who are, as always, welcome in our schools. The safety of our students and staff must remain our priority and we are optimistic that our visitors will ultimately recognize our need to be as vigilant as possible.

If you should require clarification regarding the protocol, please contact the District School Safety Specialist Mr. George Hoff 732-787-2007 ext. 2450 or [ghoff@keansburg.k12.nj.us](mailto:ghoff@keansburg.k12.nj.us)

Mr. Hoff will be happy to answer your questions to ensure your full understanding and adherence to our procedures. With your cooperation, our schools will be more secure for students and staff.