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Dear Moorestown School Family,

October 2019

We did it! Together, we started another school year and we are back in business doing what we love – caring for and learning with your children! Thank you for your attendance at our Back to School Nights (BTSN) and showing your support for staff as they shared all the great things they have planned for your children. Just like observing the students come in day one, a little lost and a little anxious, it was fun at BTSN to see many of you look and feel the same. I have been doing this for 28 years and truth be told, I still feel that way too!

At BTSN, many of you stopped at the table set-up in each building with referendum information to ask questions and receive material about our referendum slated for December 10. We appreciated your great questions and continue to use them to develop and update the Q/A document, along with other informational items found on our website (www.mtps.com/referendum). Please continue to keep your questions coming so that we can better understand your perspectives and keep you informed as the December 10 voting date approaches.

One of the areas we have incorporated in the referendum, and sought grant funding for and also included annually in our regular operating budget, is safety and security funding. In our last referendum, the community supported significant funding to build a state-of-the-art security system, including security vestibules, door locks, swipe card systems, closed circuit TV, etc. Last year, our district received a grant of 1.2 million dollars that upgraded and expanded the systems and equipment in our High School. In the December 10 referendum, we are seeking funds to update and expand many of those same systems in the UES, WAMS, and the Primary Elementary Schools. In our 2019-2020 school budget, we included funds to expand our Lobby Guard Pilot to schools beyond the High School, and to meet basic compliance with Alyssa's Law by installing a panic-button alarm system in each school. While we continue to make great strides in this area, we know that safety and security is an area that we must remain diligent.

As we move into October, you will begin to see, if you have not already, signs at our front lobbies and receive letters from your school Principal related to Lobby Guard, which can be found at <https://lobbyguard.com/products/defender/>. Lobby Guard is a visitor management system that helps our office staff ensure that each visitor is registered, has picture identification to wear while in the school, and screened prior to entry into the school. As with many security-based changes, there is some level of time and inconvenience, but we trust that you will see these as additional steps to help keep your children and our staff safe. Please note that you will need identification (a government issued ID, active driver's license, etc.) to scan prior to entry.

If you have any questions on this process, please feel free to contact your school office to help make this transition and your entry into the school as timely as possible. Have a great month and thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and your children!

Sincerely,

Scott P. McCartney
Superintendent of Schools