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Dear Franklin Lakes Families and Friends,

Due to the tragic events that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida, The Franklin Lakes Police Department, in agreement with the Ramapo Indian Hills and Franklin Lakes School Districts thought it was best to send a message of reassurance to all those associated with our community. Please understand that in Franklin Lakes, school security is a priority. We pride ourselves on the security practices and protocols that we constantly revisit and update. Our security plan is extensive and a model for other towns. Together, we have worked closely with the Bergen County Prosecutors Office and the New Jersey State Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning to adopt procedures that are at the forefront of innovation. Through exhaustive training and State of the Art surveillance systems provided by our partners within the school districts, we maintain a fully effective security plan. It is of the utmost importance for everyone to realize that the police department, along with our colleagues at both RIHS and the Franklin Lakes Board of Education are dedicated to providing a safe and effective learning environment for our students. The level of cooperation and communication between the school administrators and the police department are second to none.

As a community, we must always be aware of anything that may pose a threat to our school or town. I ask that you join the front lines of our school security process, and have an open line of communication. In this we ensure the continued safety of our children and families within our schools.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for all your support in keeping Franklin Lakes a safe and spirited community.

Respectfully,

Carmine D. Pezzuti

Chief of Police