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Dear Residents,

Recently, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that the state government is planning to deploy additional resources to several Long Island communities to assist in the fight against gang violence and MS 13. The Brentwood School District welcomes the Governor's plans to safeguard our children and community along with the efforts put forth by County Executive Steve Bellone and Suffolk County Police Commissioner Tim Sini.

Keeping our students and staff safe has always been and will always be our paramount concern. In spite of the acts of violence this community has witnessed outside of the schools over the past year, the Brentwood School District has served as a safe haven of learning and student achievement. The Brentwood School District is one of the safest places in the community.

Please know that we have taken active steps to ensure the safety of our students in the past and will continue to do so as the school year continues through the following:

- We closely monitor our campuses both inside and out with the use of closed circuit televisions.
- We have increased our security personnel by roughly 20%.
- We continue to purchase and make upgrades to both our security system's hardware and software inventory.
- We implemented security audits and random security searches throughout the year.
- Our School Psychologists, Social Workers, and Guidance Counselors are available on an ongoing basis to provide support services and counseling.
- We have maintained a healthy balance of over 53 extra-curricular activities, athletics and after school programs throughout the year.
- We continue to provide both enrichment and prevention programs within the District.
- We have partnered with Suffolk County to implement anti-gang program and education.
- We have partnered with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department to implement the G.R.E.A.T. Program.
- We have strengthened our relationship with the Suffolk County Police Department through their School Resource Officers program.
- We continue to work diligently with our community partners and non-profit organizations.

We continue to work diligently with our community partners and non-profit organizations. In his statement, the Governor outlined a multi-pronged approach towards stopping gang violence and gang activities. We stand committed to his pursuit to protect our children and community, and we trust that you will agree that we have the infrastructure in place to safeguard the district and our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Loeschner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Richard Loeschner
Superintendent of Schools