



# SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Anthony Q. Davis Sr., Superintendent of Schools

Department of Public Safety

Thomas Ristoff, Director

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Dear Syracuse City School District Community Members,

As we are preparing for the upcoming 2025-26 school year, we extend a welcome to our prospective students, staff and community members. We encourage your participation within our greater school community to support our students, staff and community. As you may choose to visit our school campuses and for the safety of all stakeholders, we respectfully request that you kindly follow all District visitor procedures as you visit our schools and actively participate in your student's educational journey.

The District Department of Public Safety is focused on providing a safe and secure learning and teaching environment for all students, staff and community members. We support our District efforts to increase student attendance and achievement as a support department for our greater community.

Our primary objectives involve maintaining safe school campuses with the use of emerging and proven technology, highly trained professional staff and open lines of communication with our students, staff and community members to assist in securing our campuses. Our staff expectations are to respond to all interactions and situations to ensure safety, while treating all persons with a high degree of community, professionalism, and respect. We are committed to collaborating with all community members, support organizations and local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to provide us with feedback to accomplish our safety mission.

The District Safety Plan is composed of three active components, which are updated annually:

1. The District Code of Conduct, Character, and Support
2. The Districtwide Emergency Response Plan
3. The District Safety Action Plan

I encourage you to take the time to review each of the components of the District Safety Plan and please share any comments which you feel would be meaningful regarding the safety climate within our District.

Thank you in advance for your continuing support of our safety mission.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ristoff, Chief Emergency Officer

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