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Dear Coatesville Area School District,

While there's still plenty of summer left, we are looking forward to the start of the 2022-23 school year, and I wanted to provide a few important updates.

- The district has contracted with A Child's Place as its new before and after care provider. We have contracted with them in the past and are pleased to have them working with the district again. They have hired additional staff and are offering rates that are more affordable for our families than some of the other contractors that submitted proposals. Please see the attached information about rates and how to enroll your child [here](#).
- Our "Release Your Seat" form is on our website for families that want to provide their own transportation for the 2022-23 school year. Only families who do not need bus transportation need to fill out this form. More information, and the form, can be found [here](#).
- As we look ahead to the coming year, we are planning several safety enhancements. We have hired one police officer who will be trained as a "School Resource Officer" and assigned to the high school. We are in the process of hiring two additional school resource officers. One of these officers will be assigned to the CAIHS, while the other will be free to work among the rest of our schools with our Chief of Police. **School Resource Officers are specifically and extensively trained to work with students and focus on positive relationship building.** We are also in the process of hiring two climate coaches at CAIHS who will support positive behavior, establish relationships with students/staff and families, and provide restorative measures to better support student behavior. As we move forward into the school year, we plan to hire an additional full-time police officer, expanding our total number of school resource officers to 5. We will also hire two to four additional climate coaches. Additionally, we also have hired a security guard to be assigned in the district under the direction of the Chief of Police. The funding for these positions comes from savings with the former security company contract, grant money, and district budgeted resources. We also want to let you know that our School District Police have been meeting with our local police agencies about the safety and security of our schools and those local agencies will also be making spot checks and walkthroughs of our schools. Again, the focus is always on building positive relationships with our students.
- Our school principals will be scheduling parent meetings in August to discuss our student code of conduct/discipline matrix. Principals will communicate when and where these meetings will be offered. These meetings will explain the rights of all involved and include the expectations for students from the time they arrive at a bus stop until they arrive home at the end of the school day. These expectations will also be discussed with students at the beginning of school in large and small group assemblies.

Thank you for taking time to read this update, and please reach out to me or your child's principal with questions or concerns.

I hope you have a great rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Dunlap Jr., Ed. D.  
Interim Superintendent

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