

LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Lumberton Parents/Guardians and Staff Members,

Today marked the first day in our schools for Patrolman Justin Mortelliti, who began serving as our district's School Resource Officer. Patrolman Mortelliti comes to the Lumberton schools with experience as a full-time officer in a shore community, and has undergone intensive training at a School Resource Officer Institute through the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO).

Patrolman Mortelliti will focus his efforts on developing a rapport with students, faculty and staff members in order to foster an environment of safety and security in our buildings. Moreover, his daily presence creates a network among school, police and community officials to share information and reduce the overall incidence of youth crime.

Patrolman Mortelliti will be circulating among district schools to participate in classroom discussions, attend student recognition events, review security measures and observe safety drills. Additional district responsibilities include updating the School Crisis Response Plan, assisting in truancy investigations and facilitating substance abuse prevention programs through LEAD.

It is important to note that Patrolman Mortelliti's uniform includes a Body Worn Camera (BWC). The purpose of the BWC is to increase school safety. The BWC will remain off during the majority of the day, but may be turned on and used when there exists reasonable suspicion of misconduct. All recorded interactions will be maintained by the Lumberton Township Police Department according to its predefined security guidelines and in compliance with federal and state laws.

We are happy to welcome Patrolman Mortelliti to Lumberton as our School Resource Officer. When you see Patrolman Mortelliti on school grounds, please say hello and encourage your children to do the same.

Sincerely,



Joseph Langowski
Superintendent of Schools



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