

LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Lumberton Parents/Guardians and Staff Members,

Last week I dropped by the Bobby's Run Health Fair as part of my school visitations. I noted the participation of our new School Resource Officer, Tim Pearson at a station at the fair. Patrolman Pearson comes to the Lumberton schools with experience as a full-time School Resource in another Burlington County public school. He has undergone intensive training at a School Resource Officer Institute through the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). He is a graduate of the Lumberton and RVRHS school districts as well as a longtime community volunteer with the fire department.

Patrolman Pearson will continue the focus on developing a rapport with students, faculty and staff members in order to foster an environment of safety and security in our buildings. Moreover, the daily presence of a SRO creates a network among school, police and community officials to share information and reduce the overall incidence of youth crime. You can see from his broad smile that he is fitting in well as he transitions to his new role.

Patrolman Pearson will also 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, and assisting in truancy investigations.



It is important to note that Patrolman Pearson'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.

Please join me in welcoming Patrolman Pearson to Lumberton as our School Resource Officer.

Sincerely,

Joseph Langowski
Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Board of Education members