

**-The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools**

Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street  
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**Important Announcement Regarding School Crossing Guards**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

At the request of Scotch Plains Police Chief Brian Mahoney the purpose of this letter is to inform you that there will be a reduction in the hours that the school crossing guards are assigned in Scotch Plains during the mid-day period **beginning on March 1, 2010.**

The following posts are on the list of crossing guards to be eliminated mid-day:

<i>Evergreen Avenue/Cedar Street</i>	<i>Wesfield Avenue/Belvidere Drive</i>
<i>Westfield Avenue/Henry Street</i>	<i>Westfield Avenue/Westfield Road</i>
<i>Westfield Road/Evergreen Ave.</i>	<i>Park Avenue/Church Street</i>
<i>E. Second Street/Willow Ave.</i>	<i>Terrill Road/Kevin Road</i>

If your children go home for lunch or if you or someone else walks to or from school mid-day with young children (for a.m. and p.m. kindergarten and preschool sessions), please be aware that there will no longer be crossing guards during this time period at the posts listed above.

Chief Mahoney has indicated that he is “confident that any parents that might elect to walk with their children during the mid-day can do so safely by exercising due caution using crosswalks and intersections where approved traffic control devices are in place.”

Rest assured that Chief Mahoney has further indicated that there will be increased signage and crosswalk reinforcement, as well as increased Traffic Bureau presence during these periods.

We remain vigilant about the safety of all our students and encourage you to speak to your child if they walk to school via any route impacted by this change.

Sincerely,



Margaret W. Hayes

cc: Brian T. Mahoney, Scotch Plains Chief of Police