



Richmond-Burton CHSD 157  
Nippersink SD 2

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to personally welcome you back to the 2025–26 school year! Soon, students and staff will return to our buildings, and an exciting year of learning, building friendships, and exploring new opportunities will begin.

Over the summer, both Nippersink SD 2 and Richmond-Burton CHSD 157 made significant improvements to buildings and classrooms, all designed to support and enhance your student's school experience.

As part of our commitment to the safety of every student and staff member, we have also revised and updated our district emergency response plan. We want you to be part of this process by keeping you informed and up to date. Please review the information below for an overview of these changes.

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## New Security Protocols

One of the most important updates for the 2025–26 school year is the adoption of our revised **Standard Response Protocols (SRP)**—the procedures that guide how we respond to a variety of safety situations. Over the past year, we have worked closely with our local police and fire departments to ensure these protocols are clear, consistent, and easy to follow.

The SRP model we've adopted was developed by *The "I Love U Guys" Foundation*, a national partnership between law enforcement, first responders, and parents. You can learn more at [iloveuguyss.org](https://iloveuguyss.org).

Under the new system, terms such as “soft lockdown” and “hard lockdown” will no longer be used, as they can cause confusion or unnecessary stress in situations that are not direct threats to safety (for example, a medical emergency). Instead, we will use a clear, standardized vocabulary—shared by students, staff, parents, and first responders.

We encourage parents to review the [SRP K–12 Parent Handout](#) to become familiar with the updated language and procedures. Your student's principal will share more details in the coming weeks and is available to answer any questions you may have.

Working together—families, staff, and our community—we can ensure a safe, engaging, and successful school year for every student.

Sincerely,

*Tom Lind*

Dr. Tom Lind  
Superintendent of Schools