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E-newsletter for the Franklin Regional School District

## New FR Police Department Debuts



The Franklin Regional School District (FRSD) Police Department debuted last month. Tim Skoog heads the department as the District's Director of Safety and Security. Joining him is Bill Potter, the Assistant Director of Safety and Security, and Officer Tim Maloney. Together the officers have over 75 years of combined law enforcement experience. The three police officers will be part of an eventual 10-person

force that will provide safety and security protection to all five Franklin Regional schools.

Currently, Director Skoog and Officer Maloney are stationed at Franklin Regional Senior High School and Assistant Director Potter is stationed at Franklin Regional Middle School. All of the police officers float between FRSD's two campuses, to provide coverage to the District's approximately 3,400 students and 450 staff members. The officers, under Act 44, have all of the same rights and privileges that are legally extended to municipal police officers, including the right to carry firearms.

Director Skoog was the Director of Safety for Gateway School District prior to his arrival at FRSD and is a retired officer for the Allegheny County Sherriff's Department. Asst. Director Potter is a retired supervisor and Officer Maloney is a retired Trooper from the Pennsylvania State Police.

According to Director Skoog, his team of part-time officers will be held to the same standards as municipal officers and will be required to participate in continuing education programs, School Resource Officer (SRO) training, CPR, and weapons' certification. 🐾

## Dr. Reljac Receives 2019 Winsand Award

Dr. Mary Catherine Reljac, Assistant Superintendent, is the 2019 Dr. Jean E. Winsand Distinguished Woman in Education Award honoree. This award is sponsored by the Tri-State Area School Study Council which is part of the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Reljac becomes the 17th female educator to receive this honor.



This award honors a woman who has made a significant impact and positive difference in her career through exemplary leadership and service to others. Female educators who are nominated must demonstrate significant leadership accomplishments that have impacted other women, leadership in professional organizations, mentorship and assistance to support other women, and contributions that align with the mission of the Tri-State School Study Council. The winner is selected by members of the Tri-State Leadership Executive Committee.

The award will be presented to Dr. Reljac at the 17th Annual Dr. Jean E. Winsand Institute for Women in School Leadership on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at the Edgewood Country Club. 🐾

## Hero Day at Sloan Elementary Honors First Responders



Dr. Gennaro R. Piraino, Jr., Superintendent, is shown giving a big FR welcome to all of the the local first responders who took time out of their busy schedules to eat lunch with the students at Sloan Elementary School as part of Hero Day. Students helped serve a Thanksgiving-style lunch to the police, EMS, Fire, and government officials who attended. 🐾