

Pedestrian Safety

Last year, the Superintendent, Dr. DiNinno, wrote a letter to Penn Dot requesting that a pedestrian bridge, tunnel, or alternate walking path near the river be provided by Penn Dot to assist with pedestrian safety. A meeting was held and Penn Dot explained that these options were not feasible. An alternative plan was developed using advanced Pedestrian Crossing signs and alert systems that can be found in towns with similar conditions. Speedway was also contacted by district administration and asked to pay for the cost of the advanced crossing system. Speedway agreed to pay for the advanced crosswalk system.

An additional meeting was held by the borough with all stakeholders. Again, Speedway confirmed that they would pay for the costs of the crosswalk. During this same meeting, discussion was held about ways to educate students about safety. Chief DiSanti and Dr. DiNinno agreed to look into this matter. To address the safety education aspect, Chief DiSanti met with Kristen Urso from Children's Hospital and Dr. DiNinno. The group discussed obtaining grants to assist with educating students. Grants were ultimately secured (with the help of Kristen Urso from Children's Hospital) and programs addressing safety while walking to and from school were held at the beginning of October at the JSH (assembly and safety walk) and at each elementary school on October 28th. The district is appreciative of all of the local agencies, Children's Hospital and FedEx for their assistance in pulling together community representatives and businesses to help educate our students during these valuable assemblies and activities. We plan to continue to seek additional grants, support, resources, and programming to address this topic.