

BUCKS BULLETIN

BUCKS SHERIFF RAISES ALARMS ON CRIME AT PRESSER



Sheriff Harran at the presser

Bucks County Sheriff Fred Harran has expressed growing concerns about the increasing crime rates in Bucks County since the pandemic.

Harran emphasizes that the issue is not a partisan one but notes Democratic Commissioners Bob Harvie and Diane Marseglia make claims of decreasing crime rates are misleading. They use statistics that compare pre-COVID days to COVID days when most people stayed home, resulting in fewer reported burglaries and car thefts. However, as the county transitions back to normal, crime is on the rise.

Furthermore, Harran highlights a new problem: the growing drug issue. He also points out a significant problem in the county's handling of individuals with medical issues, noting that the jail doesn't accept anyone with medical problems. This situation forces police officers to divert their attention to hospitals while a person gets cleared, potentially posing risks to the hospital environment.

Harran also disputes the claims of adequate funding for the sheriff's office. Although officials stated they provided \$1 million, Harran cannot locate the funds in his budget. The county's budgeting practices, according to Harran, are confusing and unconventional.

Harran is a 38-year law enforcement veteran, and he was joined at his presser by former Sheriff Milt Warrell.

SIGNS IMPLY ALL TEACHERS SUPPORT DEMS; UNION PRES. SPEAKS OUT & QUICKLY RESIGNS

Jamie Walker, PAC Treasurer & CBSD Parent

Since March 2020, Democrat politicians and teachers' unions have been openly politicizing our children's education. Their influence led to school closures and mask mandates, which continue even in a post-COVID world. It's time for this politicization to stop.

A recent instance highlights this issue, involving political signs from the Democrat candidates running for the CBSD school board as CBSD Neighbors United. The signs boldly claim, "teachers and staff endorse," followed by the names of Democrat candidates. In small lettering next to the "teachers and staff" statement, it specifies, "of CBEA and CBESPA." This suggests that all teachers, and teachers generally, endorse Democrats.

This tactic is misleading and ultimately cowardly. Not all individual teachers back candidates who supported school closures, mask mandates, legal actions against our district, and a \$119 million lawsuit. The endorsement comes from a political public sector union that prioritizes teachers over students, as is often the case with unions run by Democrats. Worse, this will potentially make things uncomfortable for children of Republican parents, or young Republican-minded students themselves.

Joe Kirsche, as president of CBEA, fostered improved relations between the school board and the Union. This weekend, it was revealed that the signs were never approved by him or the Union. Subsequently, Kirsche resigned from his union position under suspicious circumstances, seemingly due to harassment for speaking out about the unapproved signs. This gamesmanship has no place in a teachers' union and may strain the board-union relationship if a partisan leader takes Kirsche's place.

This is bad for teachers, bad for students, and bad for the district.