

# CF BOE Funds SRO; Search Narrows for CHS Principal

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CRANFORD — Along with the township, the Board of Education approved a proposal at its Monday night meeting to jointly fund a school resource officer (SRO) for the upcoming school year to improve safety and local community relationships.

The proposal explains that the officer's responsibilities include strengthening the partnership between the police department, schools, and township and interacting with K-12 students to establish familiarity and a friendly environment.

"Our school resource officer will be in attendance at all our back-to-school nights and the community will get to meet them," Superintendent Gayle Carrick said.

The agreement describes the officer's safety priorities as analysis and coordination of school security drills, emergency plans, and school traffic. The officer will also plan school visitation schedules to reaffirm the presence of the police department throughout the district.

The SRO will also be involved in teaching students, staff, and parents about bicycle safety, conflict resolution, and drug and alcohol prevention including Project A.L.E.R.T., the two-year middle school program that will replace the current drug resistance program, D.A.R.E.

Robert Carfagno, business administrator and board secretary, said the finalized agreement includes a \$50,000 contribution and a three-year contract.

As the end of the summer approaches, Ms. Carrick said the search continues for a new principal at Cranford High School.

"We are narrowing that down, and hope to have a recommendation to the board very soon," she said.

The CHS principal for the past four year, Rui Dionisio, was hired in June as the new superintendent of schools for the Verona Board of Education, according to a report by [northjersey.com](http://northjersey.com). Cranford schools open for the new year on Thursday, September 4.

*Probitas Verus Honos*

## Antiques Sale-Show On Tap In Cranford

CRANFORD — The Cranford Antiques Sale and Show will take place on Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Cranford United Methodist Church. Admission and parking will be free for this family-friendly event.

Items for sale this year will include fine antique and vintage items Brimfield style, under tents and on tables. Collectors can expect to find period furniture, fine and decorative art, porcelain, pottery, period ceramics, silver and jewelry.

Additional categories will include linens, textiles, books, musical instruments, toys, dolls, postcards and tools, as well as tobacciana, clocks, metal ware, holiday collectibles and historical items.

The Cranford United Methodist Church is located at 201 Lincoln Avenue in Cranford. Food will be available from church volunteers. For more information, call Olga at (908) 272-4857.



LOCAL TALENT...Pictured, left to right, Erica Morreale of Cranford portrays Laurey and Samantha Tropper is Ado Annie in New Jersey Youth Theatre's production of *Oklahoma!*

## Citizen' Drive Launched to Urge Flood Study

CRANFORD — Westfield and Mountainside residents are urged to sign a citizen petition drive that urged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fully fund the study in 2014 and to implement flood control improvements in the Rahway River Watershed. The petition can be accessed on [Cranford.com](http://Cranford.com) by clicking on the Cranford Township seal. Westfield and Mountainside drain into the Rahway River with significant runoff yet have no major flooding concerns. Springfield, Union and Cranford have faced significant impacts and urge flood protec-

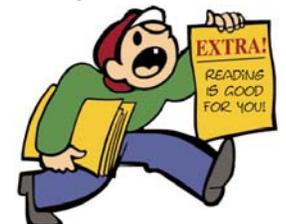
tion prior to next major storm.

The plan would modify the outlet structure at the South Mountain Orange reservoir to permit lowering the capacity of the reservoir prior to a peak storm so it had more capacity. That coupled with downstream channel improvements would lower water elevations by 2.6 feet in Millburn and 3.5 feet in Cranford. The petition seeks to urge Congress and U.S. Army Corps to finish the study and proceed to implementation.

On Wednesday, September 10 mayors and representatives of

the 11 communities will present the petition to Congress and the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C.

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