



**Olga Hugelmeyer**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

Today, members of the New Jersey Department of Education and Union County Prosecutor's Office visited Jefferson Arts Academy and Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 and conducted an unannounced safety drill.

The members of these departments have special training in school safety and visit districts across the county to observe drills and provide technical feedback. They work collaboratively with local law enforcement to conduct these drills. They also work in conjunction with the New Jersey State Police, New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, and the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

For this reason, students and staff may have observed more emergency personnel than usual on campus during today's drill. Be assured that this is not due to any specific concerns. The department regularly runs these drills to help schools proactively assess preparedness.

We want everyone to be aware that the county requires that these drills be unannounced as they want to observe a genuine response to a drill. Again, today's drill was not in response to any specific issue. It was an opportunity to receive valuable feedback on our preparedness and response protocols which will inform our ongoing work to provide the safest environments for our students and our staff.

Sincerely,

Olga Hugelmeyer  
Superintendent of Schools

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