



# KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Superintendent of Schools*

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March 2, 2023

Dear School Community:

The Kingsway Regional School District in cooperation with the Woolwich Township Police Department, and several other police departments from Gloucester County Sheriff's Department, Harrison, East Greenwich, Logan and other law enforcement agencies and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding regarding illegal substances, conducted a K-9 narcotics sweep of Kingsway's Middle and High Schools today, Thursday, March 2, 2023.

This exercise was conducted in the manner that we conduct all emergency drills, with seriousness and with sensitivity to our students and staff. K-9 units checked the interior of both buildings, targeting main hallway lockers, gym lockers, lavatories and parking lots after administration placed the buildings into precautionary lockdown. The sweep commenced at 9:00 a.m. and lasted less than one hour. Our students and staff are safe and instruction was not interrupted.

Kingsway has utilized K-9 sweeps since 2011 as a measure to ensure that the safety and well-being of our students are preserved and additional sweeps are scheduled for this school year. We will continue to cooperate with local law enforcement and utilize every resource to ensure that Kingsway deters future contraband and remains a drug-free school district.

Questions regarding the sweep may be directed to the superintendent's office.

Very truly yours,

Dr. James J. Lavender  
Superintendent of Schools

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