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Flemington-Raritan Regional School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This morning, parents alerted the District of a male who was on the Robert Hunter School property during school hours. Class III Officer Edward Purcell, who is assigned to and was on-site at Robert Hunter School, immediately addressed the individual. Raritan Township Police were notified and arrived on site. After completing their investigation, the police took additional measures to resolve the situation. The individual was arrested for trespassing and it is now a police matter.

We thank the families that reported the incident as ongoing awareness and vigilance are critical to ensuring student and staff safety at all times. The District reminds all staff members and families to report suspicious activity or behavior to authorities. As always, we encourage all students, staff members, parents and families to remain alert at all times.

Please review the following strategies that may help your child recognize and respond to strangers, suspicious vehicles and other situations:

- Never approach or engage in conversations with strangers.
- Never open a door to a stranger without the permission of a trusted adult.
- When answering the phone, never tell a stranger that your parents/guardians are not home. Tell them that they can not come to the phone right now.
- Never approach or get into anyone's car without parent/guardian's permission.
- Remember strangers are not always suspicious. Always follow the same rules for dealing with strangers regardless of how nice, well-dressed, or respectable they may seem.
- Be alert to strangers who may ask for your help (have you seen my son, have you seen my dog, can you give me directions, etc.). Do not approach them or their cars.
- Do not take short cuts through or play in isolated or wooded areas. Always walk/play with your friends, not alone.
- Always let your parents/guardians know where you are.
- No adult should ever ask you to keep a secret that makes you feel uncomfortable. Always tell your parent/guardian.
- When online don't talk to strangers. Never give your full name, address, picture or phone number to someone you do not know. If someone makes you uncomfortable, notify your parents/guardians immediately.
- When away from your home without parents/guardians, always know the location of homes or businesses that you can go to in the event that you need help.
- If you feel threatened by a situation, LEAVE. If someone follows or touches you, run away and scream.
- If you see a stranger acting suspiciously, always tell a parent/guardian or trusted adult.

By following the simple tips above and remaining vigilant to suspicious behavior, we can work together to ensure the safety of our children and community.

Respectfully, Dr. Kari McGann Superintendent of Schools