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Ferris High School Students Visit PVSC Lab

Newark, NJ – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) hosted students from Ferris High School in Jersey City in celebration of Lab Day last week. Ferris High School boasts a rigorous academic curriculum, including honors and advanced placement courses, and offers specialized learning centers focusing on a variety of subjects. The primary objective of the event was to showcase various careers within the sciences, raise awareness of the important role labs play in society, and educate the students regarding lab procedures and responsibilities.

PVSC provided each student with safety glasses and a lab coat. Students then broke into groups and visited various work stations that were led by either a chemist or a lab technician. Students were exposed to what transpires in PVSC's lab on a daily basis by observing several wastewater analyses and having the hands-on opportunity to perform the analyses themselves. They also learned about safety procedures in the laboratory and about the state and federal regulations PVSC must observe. In addition to visiting the lab, students were taken on a plant-wide tour. They also heard presentations from several members of the PVSC management team.

"The students learned how PVSC collects and treats contaminated water before discharging it in an environmentally safe manner," said Laboratory Director Jennifer Marques. "The feedback we received from the students and their teachers was extraordinary. It sounds like they really enjoyed the hand-on experiments and visiting the different individual work stations."

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