



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: July 17, 2024

To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Nonpublic School Supervisors

Route To: Business Administrators, Principals, School Safety Specialists, School Administration, School Faculty

From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Interim Assistant Commissioner
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Register By: July 22, 2024 for the Central Region Symposium taking place on July 23, 2024
July 29, 2024 for the Northern Region Symposium taking place on July 30, 2024

School Safety Summer Symposiums

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning is pleased to offer a School Safety Summer Symposium. This half-day symposium is being offered at two locations. Sessions will include information presented by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program. This program provides supplemental financial assistance to state, county, and local governments and certain non-profit organizations, to support response and recovery activities resulting from a federal disaster. Content will include information on the process to receive funding, as well as resources to assist schools navigate the reimbursement process. A presentation will also be provided by Jeffrey Gale, Director of the Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning, on practices for conducting investigative interviews in a school setting. Topics covered will include investigative steps to support the interview process, strategies to develop the interview process, structuring interview questions, and strategies to elicit truthful answers and detect efforts to deceive.

The day will start with welcome remarks at 8:30 a.m. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is no fee to attend, however, space is limited, and registration is required. Please access the following registration links to register for the location of your choice.

School Safety Specialists who attend this training will receive 3.5 hours toward certification renewal.

[July 23, 2024 – Central Region – Toms River North High School](#)

[July 30, 2024 – Northern Region – Clifton High School](#)

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