January 18, 2018

Dear Parents:

This morning we conducted unannounced lockdown drills at the high school, middle school and Robert Gordon School. The unannounced drills were facilitated by the NJ Department of Education’s Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning as part of the Governor’s K-12 School Security Task Force’s initiative.

Representatives from the NJDOE and Union County Prosecutor’s Office were on hand to observe our drills, provide targeted support to help us improve, and to share information they have learned from similar efforts across the state. The Roselle Park Police Department was aware of the drills and the visit from these officials.

Having lockdown drills in multiple schools around the same time is unusual and has the potential to cause concern. Therefore, we are sharing this information to assure you that there was no real emergency today, and that these drills were only part of a NJDOE program designed to assist school districts with preparedness.

Please contact me or your school principal with any questions.

Thank you,

Pedro Garrido
Superintendent of Schools