



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** June 17, 2026  
**To:** Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Nonpublic School Administrators/Supervisors  
**From:** Ambrose F. Duckett, III, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Field Support and Services  
**Deadline:** July 10, 2026

## School Safety and Security Symposiums

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning (OSPEP), in collaboration with the Urban Area Security Initiative, is hosting a School Safety and Security Symposium in the North, Central, and South regions on July 14, 15, and 16, 2026.

These one-day regional events will provide school safety specialists, school staff members, and local first responders with updates on current and emerging school safety issues. Topics include updated school safety guidance; behavioral threat assessment and management guidance; swatting response planning; physical security assessments of the school campus; awareness related to nihilistic violent extremist (NVE) network/764 groups targeting students; and MTSS-informed intervention planning.

School Safety Specialists will receive 5 hours towards recertification.

Register here:

- [July 14 – West Essex High School](#)
- [July 15 – Robbinsville High School](#)
- [July 16 – Atlantic Cape College](#)

Questions can be directed to the NJDOE's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning at [school.security@doe.nj.gov](mailto:school.security@doe.nj.gov) or (609) 376-3574.