

ROANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERQUEST DETECTION CANINES, INC. TO PROVIDE TRAINED DETECTION CANINES TO CONDUCT RANDOM UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS OF ALL CAMPUS LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY. THE CANINES ARE TRAINED TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF ILLICIT DRUGS, PRESCRIPTION PILLS, ALCOHOL, AND FIREARMS. CAMPUS BUILDINGS, PARKING LOTS, AND GROUNDS WILL BE RANDOMLY INSPECTED FOR PROHIBITED ITEMS. IF DETECTED AND FOUND, THE COUNTY WILL INITIATE THE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION. THE CANINES ARE NON-AGGRESSIVE AND THEY ARE TRAINED TO DISCRIMINATE SPECIFIC "SCENTS" OF CONTRABAND ITEMS. WITH THE RECENT PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN TEENAGE DRUG USE AND SHOOTINGS, THE COUNTY IS TAKING EVERY REASONABLE PRECAUTION TO ENSURE A SAFE AND HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL CONCERNED.