



For Immediate Release

At 10:45am today, Hopewell City Public Schools Security received information that there was an active “gunshots fired” incident at the Five Forks Market located near Harry E. James Elementary School. Pre-planned security protocols of “Sheltered in Place with Controlled Access” were immediately implemented at HEJ and Woodlawn Learning Center.

These security protocols were implemented out of an abundance of caution due to the proximity, nature and lack of information concerning the incident. The safety of our students and staff are our utmost priority and we implemented our pre-planned security protocols immediately.

Based on our partnership with the Hopewell Police, we were able to obtain information that allowed us to determine that threatening conditions no longer existed. We were able to return to normal operating conditions within fifteen minutes.

HCPS Security personnel have increased vigilance in our division schools for the rest of the day.

Best Regards,
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Director of School Security