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Dear Parents and Residents,

As most of you are aware there is a story circulating around the nation regarding “creepy clown sightings.” The initial reports stem from an organized movie promotion and have now morphed into copycat reports throughout New Jersey.

Social Media have brought these concerns to New Jersey. There have been numerous recent social media posts and threats to schools throughout New Jersey as well as throughout the country.

I would like to assure you the Cinnaminson Police Department at my direction has taken a Zero Tolerance towards any acts involving “creepy clown sightings”. I also have been in regular contact with Dr. Illuzzi of the Cinnaminson Township School District.

Unfortunately, last evening Cinnaminson Police responded to a call at the Cinnaminson Middle School regarding an individual running around the soccer fields wearing a clown mask. This person actions terrorized a bus load of students which had arrived at the Middle School. The suspect was a 14-year-old student and was detained by arriving Cinnaminson Officers. The juvenile was released to their parents pending the filing of juvenile complaints which will be forwarded to the Burlington County Prosecutors Office for their review.

The Cinnaminson Police will continue an increased presence at our schools in order to provide an extra layer of security.

The Cinnaminson School District will continue to use their universal safety precautions including that of prohibiting unauthorized visitors, and immediately will contact law enforcement when warranted.

Rest assured the Cinnaminson Police and the School District take the safety of your children very seriously.

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