



NEWS RELEASE

Perth Amboy Public Schools

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For Immediate Release

Today, some students walked out of Perth Amboy High School. It was not the entire student body as reported in some media outlets.

Unfortunately, this walk-out was encouraged by individuals with political objectives. In addition, the Perth Amboy Federation, the local teachers' union, also encouraged this walk-out. All while being reported and filmed by the media.

Although we support students' freedom of speech, students should not do so during school hours. We are extremely disappointed that our teachers' union leadership would encourage such a blatant disregard for school rules. Anyone who took advantage of this unfortunate situation and our students in this way to further a self-serving or political cause should be held accountable.

Last Wednesday's unfortunate incident did not happen on school grounds nor under school supervision. All of us need to work together to ensure the safety of our students. The answer is a continued strong partnership between the Perth Amboy Board of Education as to what can be done at school; the City of Perth Amboy as to what can be done within the community; and the parents as to what can be done at home.

Our thoughts remain with the student and his family.