



**HICKMAN MILLS C-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**K-9 SWEEP INSURES SAFE ENVIRONMENT, PROVIDES TRAINING**

Four members of the **Kansas City Missouri Police Department Canine** Unit and a fifth canine unit from the North Kansas City Police Department conducted a **random sweep of classrooms, lockers and cars at Hickman Mills High School, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd.** It is a service offered by police to any interested school district to help reduce incidents involving illegal substances and weapons possession.

“We are very proud of the partnership we have developed with the police department’s canine unit,” said **John McEntee, the district’s director of security.** “It creates a safer school environment. We want to assure students, parents, faculty and staff we are doing everything possible to manage risky behavior.”

Law enforcement officials also use the random sweeps as a training exercise. Smaller departments, in this case the North Kansas City Canine Unit, obtain valuable, practical experience often unattainable in classroom-like settings. These highly-trained dogs can detect a wide variety of substances, including narcotics, marijuana and gun powder. McEntee said similar exercises will be conducted inside the district’s secondary schools.

“We want students and parents to know we will work to keep everyone safe by availing ourselves to this invaluable service provided by the law enforcement community,” McEntee said.

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