

Holt: PPE Returned To Local Schools From County OEM

Hunterdon County Freeholder Matt Holt reported at a recent meeting the return of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to county schools that stepped up after a call for help from first responders and medical providers, facing a critical shortage of the necessary safety equipment, at the beginning of the public health emergency.

Freeholder Holt, Hunterdon County Public Safety Liaison, said, “Back in the darkest days of the pandemic, at the very beginning, when most of us had not heard of PPE’s, the county’s first responders and medical providers were desperately seeking this protective equipment so they could do their jobs saving lives.

Several county schools came to the rescue, donating N95 and surgical masks, goggles, gowns, gloves and other equipment.”

Donations of PPE and other equipment came in from schools in Califon, Flemington-Raritan, Clinton, Lebanon Borough, Alexandria and Hampton. These donations were a lifeline for those on the front lines.

“I can announce that through the efforts of the County’s Office of Emergency Management, all of the donated equipment has been replaced and returned to our schools for their use, as they now face a critical juncture,” Freeholder Holt continued.

Holt concluded, “The school districts’ quick response back in the spring, when most needed, is another example of the cooperation and compassion of the people of Hunterdon County, and I am proud to report on the reciprocation of those efforts.”