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Governor Whitman Hosts Governors for Forum on School Violence at the Violence Institute of New Jersey at UMDNJ

New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman and the Violence Institute of New Jersey will host a forum on school violence for governors from throughout the country on Friday, April 30.

Joining Gov. Whitman in New Brunswick will be Governors Edward Schafer of North Dakota, Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho, and Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania. In addition to high school students from Middlesex and Somerset counties, who will attend the session at the UMDNJ site, students at Abington High School in Abington, Pa., and in Devils Lake High School in Devils Lake, N.D., will participate via satellite and will be able to ask questions of the panel participants.

Also participating in the video teleconference will be Dr. Michael Greene, executive director of the Violence Institute of New Jersey at UMDNJ.

The discussion will include an overview of the nationally-recognized violence prevention programs being offered in schools throughout New Jersey. These programs focus on teaching teens about the importance of taking personal responsibility for their actions, and include components related to conflict resolution, handling anger and counseling peers at risk.

Earlier in the day, Gov. Whitman will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting at Mill Hill Park in Trenton.