



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Successful Completion of Security Drill Audit: Ensuring Safety at Kingsway Regional School District

Dear School Community:

I am pleased to inform you that the Kingsway Regional School District successfully conducted a safety and security drill audit this morning, March 20, 2024. This audit was conducted in collaboration with our dedicated school security personnel from K.D. National Force Security and esteemed law enforcement officials from the Woolwich Township Police Department. The primary objective of these audits is to allow expert observation of our response procedures and protocols, enabling us to receive constructive feedback for continuous improvement.

The audit was executed with the utmost seriousness and sensitivity to the well-being of our students and staff, reflecting our commitment to ensuring a safe learning environment for all. Beginning at approximately 10:00 a.m., both the middle and high schools participated in a *lockdown procedure*, followed by a *hold action* and subsequent *evacuation*. I am proud to report that every individual responded appropriately, and instruction promptly resumed afterward.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our exceptional faculty, staff, and students for their diligence and cooperation during this exercise. Your commitment to safety and preparedness is truly commendable.

For those who seek further insight into our safety protocols, I encourage you to explore the Standard Response Protocol, which can be found at iloveguys.org/The-Standard-Response-Protocol.html, please find below descriptions of each drill conducted:

- **Lockdown:** A Lockdown is called when a threat or hazard is inside the school building. The Lockdown Action demands locking interior doors, moving occupants out of the line of sight of corridor windows, turning off lights to make the room seem unoccupied, and having occupants maintain silence. If students cannot get behind a locked door, they are trained to self-evacuate. If your child contacts you to let you know that they safely self-evacuated, please get in touch with the district at (856) 467-4600, Ext. 4205 to notify us your child is safe.
- **Hold Action:** The Hold Action is used when the school's hallways need to remain clear. Classroom learning will still occur as normal during a Hold, but students may be unable to change classes until after the Hold has been lifted.
- **Evacuate Action:** An Evacuation is called when people need to move from one location to another. During an evacuation, students and staff are asked to move from one location to another orderly.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding today's drill or our safety procedures in general, please do not hesitate to contact my office at your convenience.

Home of the Dragons

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in prioritizing the safety of our school community.

Very truly yours,



Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools

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