



# ARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Matthew J. Block  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Ardsley Families:

We are constantly focused on the safety of our students and staff. We are always looking to enhance our security protocols and ensure our practices are fully compliant with all current requirements. While our security plan is comprehensive and goes well beyond minimum requirements, we must always update our practices to meet the demands of evolving state guidelines.

This year, New York has issued a new protocol that requires all schools to send a message to families within a week prior to a safety and/or security drill in a school. This is so parents can talk to their children about the drill, if desired. The specific date and time is not provided, only a message that within a week of notification, there will be a drill. There may be times where the drill referenced in the notification may be postponed, for a variety of reasons. When this occurs you will not receive notification of the cancellation.

Therefore, please be aware that **beginning in September, you will be receiving notices from your child's school regarding upcoming emergency drills.** As mentioned above, you should receive these email notifications within one week in advance of the actual drill.

Nothing has changed in terms of how the drills will be carried out, only the notification requirement is new. Since there may be drills next week, we wanted to get this message out before school began.

Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Block, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools