



Emergency Response at H.B. Mattlin Middle School Today

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Good evening, all.

I am writing to inform you of a medical emergency involving a sixth-grade student at Mattlin Middle School earlier today. Thanks to the swift and coordinated response of the Mattlin team, this situation has a happy ending. The training and protocols implemented under Desha's Law ensured that staff knew exactly what to do, and because of that preparedness, a tragedy was averted.

There are many heroes in this story. I would like to especially recognize our nurse, Avigail, who immediately began lifesaving efforts until EMS arrived. Her leadership and expertise exemplify the very best of our nurses. It is also important to recognize the rest of the faculty and staff that kept all the other students safe and calm during the incident. The student's mother, who, in an understandably frantic moment, was able to witness the care, coordination, and compassion of the Mattlin team, supported by Dr. Coladonato.

Thank you as well to all members of our CRT and ERT teams across the District, your roles are vital, and today underscores just how important your training and readiness are. A special thank you to Mr. Donarummo for his leadership in implementing Desha's Law; his work has strengthened our ability to respond when it matters most.

My apologies for not naming every individual involved in today's lifesaving response, please know that each of you represents the very best of our profession, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mary O'Meara  
Superintendent of Schools