



Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Northeast Bradford School District is proud to be able to serve you and your children and will continually strive to provide a safe learning environment for them.

The safety of your child and all children in our schools, as well as the safety of the school staff and support personnel, is very important to us. To maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, we must practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to exercise our procedures.

Due to the current national climate that we live in, we will be conducting various drills throughout the school year and each subsequent school year. This letter is to help you understand the importance of this as well as to understand each type of drill. The students and staff of your school will be practicing four primary emergency drills each year. They are "FIRE DRILLS", "LOCKDOWN DRILLS", "SHELTER-IN-PLACE DRILLS", and "EVACUATION DRILLS". Each type of drill is explained below.

FIRE DRILLS

The school will conduct a "fire drill" each month that school is in session. This is a Fire Code requirement as well as a requirement for all Pennsylvania public schools. We want each student to understand and be aware of the importance of this drill and not be afraid when the fire alarm is sounded. By practicing, they will know what to do and how to do it.

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

The school will conduct a "Lockdown Drill" periodically throughout each school year. This type of drill will secure the school building and safely shelter all students, staff, and visitors inside the building. The purpose of this drill is to keep the students safe from any danger outside or inside the building. During a "lockdown drill", the entire perimeter doors to the school building will be locked and will remain locked until the danger or issue outside or inside the building is removed. To enable everyone to remain safe, no one will be allowed to enter the building or leave the building until the drill is completed.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE DRILLS

The "Shelter-in-Place" drill will be conducted each school year. The purpose of this drill is to be prepared to move to a safe location within the building in case of severe weather or tornados.

EVACUATION DRILLS

During an "Evacuation Drill", students will be safely escorted along a designated evacuation route to one of our pre-determined evacuation sites.

BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

These drills will be conducted during the first week of the school term and the second during the month of March.

Please remember that these safety practice drills are done to help maintain our schools as safe places to learn and work.

If you have any questions regarding any of these Safety Drills or other safety concerns, please contact your school principal or the office of the superintendent.

Respectfully,

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