



Park Forest – Chicago Heights School District 163

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Caletha White, Ed. D.
Superintendent

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All schools in Park Forest – Chicago Heights School District 163 are equipped with the Blue Point Alert System. Blue Point is a life-safety response system with components that look and function much like a fire alarm system but it is designed for police and medical emergencies. Activating the system will instantly alert police or paramedics in the event of a **life-threatening emergency**.

We have a long-term commitment to providing a safe learning environment for all who enter our doors and have installed the Blue Point Alert System to complement and enhance the safety and security measures we have in place.

The Blue Point System:

- Automates and accelerates emergency response
- Provides internal communications for our leadership team
- Improves situational awareness with real-time information for police or paramedics
- Integrates our security camera and access control systems making them more effective in an emergency

On Wednesday, October 6, 2021, staff and students will participate in a safety drill. Prior to October 6th, students will receive information from their teacher about the drill. As required by Illinois School Code and District 163 Board Policy, the drill will involve the police department to ensure that we are as prepared as possible. In an effort to communicate appropriately to students, the District will regard this training as “blue lockdown in the event there is a dangerous intruder.”

A safe learning environment is one of our top priorities and this system continues to build on that commitment. Parents/guardians have the opportunity to exempt their student(s) from the Blue Point drill if they choose. Please contact your School Principal by Friday, October 1, 2021 if you would like your student(s) to be exempt from participating in the safety drill or if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Caletha White
Superintendent of Schools

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401 Concord Drive
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Park Forest, IL 60466
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