

## MILLERSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Superintendent*



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*"Empowering 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners, one student at a time"*

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Millersburg Area School District is committed to the safety of your children. As such, from time to time we schedule drills and exercises to practice for emergency situations. Today, August 22, 2023, we met with the Middle/High students to review safety procedures. On Wednesday, August 23, the Middle/High School will be conducting a drill related to an active shooter situation. A rain date of August 24, 2023, has been selected in the event of inclement weather.

We realize that this topic is as distressing for parents and students as it is for school staff. However, these types of drills are critical to ensure that both our students and staff react appropriately if an actual event were to occur. The actual drill will take place on August 23, 2023, at approximately 8:15 am. Students were told about the drill this afternoon.

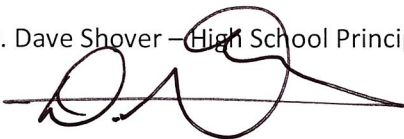
The drill will include an evacuation to an area near the school for the majority of students. Some students may remain in lockdown during the drill due to the nature of the drill and/or their location in the building or physical limitations and will not evacuate with the other students. Once the students reach the evacuation area and attendance is taken, they will return to school. They will be supervised throughout the drill. Students have been encouraged to dress appropriately.

After the conclusion of the drill, teachers will take time to debrief students as well. We will do everything possible to reassure students that the chance of this type of event occurring is very unlikely and explain to them that the reason that we do these drills is to help keep them safe. The best thing that you can do is to encourage your children to pay attention to and follow the instructions of school staff when emergency situations occur.

If you have questions regarding the drill scheduled for tomorrow, please contact your child's building principal.

Thank You

Mr. Dave Shover – High School Principal



Mrs. Kimberly Schmeltz – Middle School Principal

