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Dear PCHS Parents and Guardians,

We are continually dedicated to educating and keeping our students safe each and every day at PCHS. For many years now, our faculty, staff, and students in conjunction with the Pekin Police and Fire Departments have participated in mandatory annual drills such as fire, tornado, and intruder drills. Schools in Illinois are also required to do an Active Shooter Drill in which schools simulate, with the help of police, what it could look and sound like in the event of an active shooter in the building. Typically, up to this point, at PCHS, this drill has only been done with faculty and staff present.

As violent and tragic events continue to take place in the country, we know we have to continue to take steps in an attempt to prevent an event from occurring but also in the training of students and staff on procedures that should take place in the event of an active shooter on our campus. As we are required to complete an annual law enforcement drill, including an active shooting incident within the first 90 days, we will be conducting an active shooter drill **with students present** this year to increase knowledge and awareness on everyone's part.

Our Active Shooter Drill will be held at 9:00am on Tuesday, September 3rd. At 8:55am we will be announcing over the intercom that the drill will be starting at 9:00am. At this time, our faculty and staff will be ensuring all students are out of the hallways and secured in a safe location. This drill will allow our students and staff to practice safety procedures while also helping PCHS become safer through the knowledge gained and areas for improvement we identify each time a drill is done. Once the drill concludes, we will be announcing the drill is over. As part of this drill, as would be typical in any emergency situation, we will be keeping you aware of the situation via our phone/email alerts. If you have not been receiving any notifications/emails/calls up to this point, please be sure to call the Principal's Office at (309) 347-4101 to make us aware of your contact information.

Prior to our active shooter drill, we will be meeting with students during the school day on August 28th to discuss school safety with them, including the details of the active shooter drill on September 3rd. Although it will be the first time that PCHS has conducted an Active Shooter Drill with students in the building, schools throughout the state have already taken this step hoping that this continual practice and preparation is never something that becomes a reality.

The safety and education of our students is and will always be our number one priority. We appreciate your continued support as we ensure we provide our faculty, staff, and students with critical information and training to aide in keeping them safe on our campus.

Sincerely,

Amy Hubner