



Mount Holly Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The state of New Jersey requires that each school must complete one fire drill and one school security drill per month. There are four types of drills that we must complete twice during the 2018-2019 school year. Security drills have been occurring since 2010. The four drills are as follows:

- Lockdown
- Active Shooter
- Bomb Threat
- Evacuation (not a fire drill)

We annually update our school security procedures in order to make sure that we are providing the safest environment possible for your children. Here is a brief description of the security drills required so you can discuss with your children.

LOCKDOWN

A Lockdown is a security drill that will be practiced and implemented if there is a danger in the school building. Teachers will lock the door, turn off the lights, and have students place themselves away from the window on the floor. A Lockdown may be deemed appropriate in a number of practice scenarios and real life events.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

This drill is the exact same as a Lockdown.

BOMB THREAT

This security drill will require that students evacuate the building. Students will evacuate to designated areas at each school. In the event that a real threat exists, each school has a designated place away from their building to evacuate to and be safe. Students will be supervised and accounted for during the security drill.

EVACUATION (NOT A FIRE DRILL)

This drill is a basic evacuation that could happen for a number of reasons. It is handled in the same manner as Bomb Threat.

Principals will alert you when a security drill occurs and if a real life security procedures takes place. We will also work with the Mount Holly Police Department and Fire Department in order to practice our drills throughout the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Superintendent's Office.

Sincerely,

James E. DiDonato
Superintendent