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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Next week we will be conducting a lockdown drill at the school. The safety and security of our students and staff are a top priority at our school and the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. We have been implementing several measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured, and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked, and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building. Students are isolated within the school whenever circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time to debrief after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger.

These drills are an essential part of our Emergency Management Plan. In an event of an actual lockdown/emergency, you will receive communication from the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. The HRCE will communicate in the following ways:

- Direct email and text messages to parents/guardians
- HRCE Twitter - @HRCE_NS
- HRCE Website – www.hrce.ca

Your continued support is always appreciated. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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