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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to let you know that the district conducted a lockdown drill this afternoon in both the Elementary and Jr. Sr. High Schools. . As you probably are aware, in accordance with our district safety plan, we conduct multiple drills each year, to enhance our ability to secure the exterior of the school as well as the classrooms in case of emergency. As you know, emergencies come in various forms and our ability to be familiar with many kinds of procedures ensures that we will be prepared for any emergencies that might come our way.

The drill went very smoothly. Our SRO, Deputy Manny helped us to coordinate with members of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department for support and post-drill analysis. Students were very cooperative, and everyone worked together during the drill. The time of this drill was not communicated in advance to faculty, staff or students, though teachers knew of the date of the drill in advance. Later in the school year, we will hold more lockdown drills whose date and time will be unannounced.

If your child has any concerns that they express to you following the drill please let your child's teacher know, and we will follow-up with both you and your child to explain and reassure them. We will contact you if your child voices any concern to us. If you have any questions about the drill, or about any of our other safety procedures, please feel free to call me at 518- 753-4458 ext 3501. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Mark Foti



K-6 Principal