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AN EQUAL RIGHTS AND
OPPORTUNITY AGENCY

To All Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for permitting the Fannett-Metal School District to provide the best education possible for your child. We are proud to be able to serve you and your children and we will continually strive to provide a safe learning environment for them.

The safety of your child and all children in our schools, as well the safety of the school staff is very important to us. In order to maintain a safe environment for our students to learn and be successful, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to exercise our procedures.

Pennsylvania Legislature recently passed Act 178, which mandates that school districts across the Commonwealth notify parents and guardians of upcoming drills. This drill will coincide with other drills that will occur during the school year. One particular drill will have emergency responders participating, as they work with school personnel to create a safe environment at all of the school buildings.

Throughout the school year, students and staff will participate in four primary emergency drills. They are "FIRE DRILLS"; "LOCKDOWN DRILLS"; "SHELTER-IN-PLACE DRILLS"; and "EVACUATION DRILLS". One of the previously listed drills will be held in coordination with local emergency personnel. This combined drill will take place sometime in October.

For the safety of everyone involved and to maintain order, we respectfully ask that you abide by the following guidelines during these drills:

- Do not come to the school(s) during a drill
- Do not call the school offices (as they will be busy with the drill or actual emergency)
- Do not contact students or staff members via cell phone or social media (as they will be busy with the drill or actual emergency)
- Avoid social media posts. In the event it is an actual emergency, correct information will be disseminated through our automated system as soon as possible.
- Please make sure the school(s) have your contact information at all times, so that you can be reached without delay in the event of an emergency.

Please remember that these safety practice drills are done to help maintain our schools as a safe place to learn and work.

If you have any questions regarding any of the Safety Drills or other safety concerns, please contact your school office, or the Office of the Superintendent.

Sincerely,

David A. Burkett

Superintendent



In a safe and supportive environment, educate and empower all students to reach their personal and professional goals.