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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Battle River School Division emphasizes the importance of safe and caring schools. Part of providing a safe learning environment is helping students and staff to be prepared for potential emergencies. For this reason, our school holds six fire drills and two lockdown drills each year. **Our second lockdown drill will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at approximately 1:15 PM.** The lockdown drill typically lasts about 10-15 minutes.

Rationale: A lockdown drill practices an emergency preparedness procedure designed to keep all students, staff and guests safe in the event of an intruder in the school, by keeping them confined in lockable areas. This is not a common situation in schools and not one that we expect our students to encounter but, just like a fire drill, regular practice will help us to be properly prepared in the case of such an emergency, however unlikely.

Preparation: Prior to our lockdown drill, teachers will hold age-appropriate discussions with students. There is no intention to generate fear or anxiety for students and all conversations will focus on the procedural aspects of these drills more so than the possible scenarios that could initiate an actual lockdown. We welcome your support if you feel comfortable speaking with your child ahead of time to provide additional reassurance of their safety at school.

Process: During a lockdown drill, it is possible that emergency services personnel and representatives from the school division may be present. Their role is to help us evaluate our preparedness, encourage students, and to provide feedback that will help us improve our procedures.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Nathan Pederson
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