

Community Information Regarding Emergency Procedures

Recent events in the nation have heightened the District's concern for safety and security of our students and staff. As part of our building and district safety plans, we will periodically practice "lockdown" and "lockout" procedures throughout the District. We would like parents and the community to be aware of our general procedures as a drill or actual emergency may have impact on parents or the community at large.

A "lockdown" situation occurs when an imminent threat is within a building. An announcement will be made over the building's public address system. All teachers will check the hallways and bathrooms for stray students and lock their doors. During that period of time, no one will be allowed in or out of the rooms or in or out of the building.

Should there be a danger or threat posed outside the building, the school district will enter into a "lockout." In a lockout situation, all exterior doors are locked. No visitors or unauthorized personnel may enter the building. No person is permitted to leave the building during a lockout. The District may declare a lockout for the entire district, multiple buildings, or only one building depending on information received from law enforcement.

As soon as it is practicable, parents will be alerted regarding a lockdown or lockout situation by use of ParentLink, the District website, and the District Facebook Page. **Parents should not come to the schools at this time as crowds will only complicate the efforts of law enforcement.** The lifting of a lockdown or lockout situation will also be communicated via ParentLink, the District website, and the District Facebook Page.

There are times when a lockout or lockdown may last beyond dismissal time. In these cases, students will remain supervised in the school buildings until the District has updated information from law enforcement. The end of a lockdown or lockout will be communicated ParentLink, the District website, and the District Facebook Page. Parents will receive information regarding dismissal and reunification procedures at that time.