



PARENTS' QUICK GUIDE to SCHOOL SAFETY COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

Bethel Local School District has specific safety procedures and protocols coordinated with township personnel and local safety officials to cover a host of local emergencies. The District's Safety Team meets several times a year with local officials to review and update procedures. These plans are not posted publicly as much of the information is pertinent only to school personnel and local safety officials. In addition, we believe certain security measures must remain confidential to only these people.

In an effort to strengthen school safety information while not divulging specific security information, we are listing for you the specific safety protocols with the methods of communication that parents would receive in the event of implementing a specific plan. Please see your child's building principal if you have specific questions regarding these procedures.

EMERGENCY DRILL	Methods of Notifying Students	Methods for Informing Parents
<p><u>SECURITY SITUATION</u> This is a partial lockdown procedure when the general school population is not threatened, but there is an emergency involving a student or a small group of students. <i>(An example would be a student medical/behavior emergency or loss of power in the building)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The building principal or designee would announce a security situation via the school intercom. 	<p>Parents would not be notified unless the situation resulted in a more serious emergency causing a long disruption to the school day.</p>
<p><u>INTRUDER or LOCKDOWN DRILL</u> This refers to a complete LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE or actual danger threatens the safety of the school population; students could be dispersed to different locations per procedures. <i>(An example would be a threatening intruder in the building)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The building safety designee would announce a total security situation via the school intercom. Superintendent or building safety designee would be responsible for media releases. 	<p>Parents would be notified via ONE CALL if a TOTAL SECURITY SITUATION occurred. Specific instructions would be provided for location of student pick-up.</p>
<p><u>BUILDING EVACUATION</u> The building evacuation protocol is to be followed in the event that the school must be immediately evacuated and children sent to a different location.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The building safety designee would announce a building evacuation via the school intercom. Superintendent or building safety designee would be responsible for media releases. 	<p>Parents would be notified via ONE CALL if a building evacuation occurs with specific instructions for location of student pick-up.</p>
<p><u>BOMB THREAT</u> Building evacuation procedures would be followed as directed by the police department.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The building safety designee would announce a building evacuation via the intercom. Students would go to designated areas on the grounds to wait further instructions. 	<p>Parents would be notified via ONE CALL if a building evacuation occurred with specific instructions for location of student pick-up.</p>
<p><u>FIRE EVACUATION</u> These procedures are implemented whenever the fire alarm is activated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fire alarm is activated. 	<p>Parents would not be notified unless the situation resulted in a more serious emergency causing a long disruption to the school day.</p>