

# Washington Township Public Schools



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Dear Bunker Hill Families:

Today we had an unannounced emergency drill. We held a “Lockdown” during period 7. This particular drill is used when there is an active, aggressive, violent intruder in the building. In this drill, we give the command to students and staff as to how to be secure the building and behave. In this drill, teaching ceases for the moment until all is secure.

The purpose is solely to ensure the safety of each student. The drill lasted about 15 minutes. As always, we took data, and we’ll work with our school safety team as well as the district safety personnel to analyze any areas or procedures in need of improvement. These drills are not only necessary to help students and staff practice quick response in these situations but to ensure the areas have all the safety measures in place as well. This will be a constant work in progress as we work to ensure the safety of our students. Recently, the district has worked to refine their common practices, terminology, protocols, and manuals to be consistent across the district as consistent with Standard Response Protocol (SRP) , the Washington Township Police, and our technology department.

This drill in particular demands that each student recognizes the importance of remaining quiet. Students were given directions by teachers and administration about the severity of the drill and the expected behavior. Unfortunately, there were some classes that (despite the teacher’s directive and my directive) showed a lack of regard for the magnitude of the drill. We had a few instances, mostly in 6<sup>th</sup> grade that individuals need to be addressed. The drill also showed us that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders need more specific training. Therefore, after the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be meeting with the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade to ensure everyone understands the expectations for behavior regarding security drills.

If you have any questions or concerns about today’s drill, please contact Ms. Egizi or me. Thank you as always for your constant support.

Sincerely

Mike D’Ostilio