



PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Educating For Success, Inspiring Excellence."

Schnecksville Elementary School

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Dear Schnecksville Families,

We are proud to serve the students of the Parkland School District. The District strives to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff through continued collaboration with our local law enforcement agencies.

In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, it is necessary that we practice our emergency response plans by conducting drills that exercise our procedures to better prepare staff and students. There are a few basic response drills as stipulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education that we practice throughout the school year – *Lockdown, Shelter-In-Place, and Evacuation*. Parkland School District adopted the active assailant protocol endorsed by the Department of Homeland Security called *Run, Hide, Fight* as of August 2018.

Act 44 of 2018 stipulated that commonwealth schools conduct one security-based drill within the first 90 school days in lieu of a monthly *Evacuation Drill*. The law also allows commonwealth schools to replace an additional monthly *Evacuation Drill* with a security-based drill after the first 90 days of school. Parkland School District conducts annual *Lockdown Drills* to meet this requirement during the months of October and February.

In accordance with Act 44 of 2018, we will be conducting a security-based drill by practicing a *Lockdown Drill* with all students and staff members. It will occur at the following dates, times, and locations:

Schnecksville Elementary School

10/14/21 at 10:15am

Your law enforcement agency is invited to attend if possible. The district's Health and Safety Plan requires us to cohort students to reduce class size and socially distance. As part of the legislation, Parkland School District invites local law enforcement to help evaluate and improve our emergency protocols and practices. Feel free to contact the building principal or Dr. Anthony Naradko with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Goodman

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