



Lowell Public Schools
Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School
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Dear Pawtucketville School Families,

The safety of our students is the top priority at the Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School. One way we promote safety is by having a safety plan in place for addressing various emergencies. These emergencies include, but are not limited to fires, dangerous persons, bomb threats, and medical emergencies.

Although we would never want any of these emergencies to take place, the administration and staff review and practice simulated events at various times throughout the school year to insure that everyone is aware of our safety protocols. We update our safety plan each year, share it with the Assistant Superintendent's Office and review it with the Lowell Police Department's School Resource Officers. The Lowell Police and Fire Departments also visit school buildings to review floor plans, gain building key access, and discuss communication tactics for emergencies. The City of Lowell has been very proactive with emergency school safety for many years.

Students at Pawtucketville will be practicing our options based response drills the week starting Tuesday October 9th. If your child comes home from school talking about a lockdown, barricade, counter, or evacuation please be aware it was a practice drill. In a real emergency, an automated phone message would be sent, so please make sure we have your most updated phone number on record at school.

Again, the safety procedures outlined above are intended to make the Pawtucketville School safe for all students, staff and families. If you have any questions, please contact me at school or through email at mmclean@lowell.k12.ma.us.

Although there are no guarantees that a crisis event will not happen, the Pawtucketville School staff and students are prepared.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mathew McLean
Principal