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Superintendent of Schools

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Re: **SAFETY/SECURITY UPDATE**

Dear Nyack Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, the District has begun conducting lockdown drills in conjunction with BOCES and the Clarkstown police as part of our efforts to do the best possible job of keeping our students and staff safe. In October a drill at all the schools during lunch periods went well. During Superintendent's Conference Day on October 25, a districtwide drill, reenacted at the High School with a mock intruder, also was successful.

Furthermore, **an unannounced districtwide lockdown drill**, when students are in school, is planned for later this month. Evaluations of the drills will be used as part of a BOCES security audit that the District has scheduled for all schools. Safety issues concerning all our facilities, and procedures will be analyzed in the audit.

As part of our safety and emergency planning it is also **vital that the District has the most accurate and up to date contact phone numbers for your child on file**. If you haven't returned the emergency information request form that was recently mailed to you, please do so immediately. If you need a new form, please call the Public Information Office, 353-7013.

Please be aware that the drills may cause anxiety in some students. This is a good opportunity to reassure your child that these drills are held to help prepare them to be safe in an emergency, just as we do when we have our fire drills.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to make the safety of our students and staff a priority. My best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful Thanksgiving to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Valencia F. Douglas, Ed.D.

<p><i>Si ou bezwen enfòmasyon tradui an kreyòl, rele Jocelyne Abraham al 353-7044. Si le hace falta información traducida en español, llame a Nancy Rodriguez al 353-7106.</i></p>
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