

# EDDYVILLE-BLAKESBURG-FREMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear EBF Families:

EBF is in our final year of our School Safety Grant, called the STOP grant. As part of this grant, we have had the opportunity to strengthen our knowledge of school safety in the district through several trainings, including on site professionals who train, conduct, and evaluate each school in a variety of different drills. Each school has completed two complex fire drills and received helpful feedback. The next drill will be a “hold—team response” drill. This type of precautionary drill trains a response team in each building to respond to a potential incident in the area. An example of this might be a medical emergency at the school or a perceived threat close to the school. Students remain in their classrooms until all students are accounted for and teachers are given the all clear.

Later this spring, we will run a lockdown drill. Students remain in their locked classrooms, quiet and out of sight. Local law enforcement and emergency management will be helping to prepare our administration, staff, and students to conduct a smooth, low impact drill. Several EBF administrators have had the opportunity to observe area schools as they run similar drills.

Teachers and staff will participate in a full scale active shooter drill at the high school during a professional development day on April 26. Planning for this drill has been a yearlong collaborative effort between local law enforcement, emergency management, our grant evaluators, and the school.

At EBF, we are working hard to train our staff and students in procedures and protocols that we hope we never need to utilize. We want to be prepared to keep your children safe in any situation. The best way to achieve this level of preparedness, is to conduct regular drills.

If you have questions, please contact Cathy Williamson at  
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Sincerely,

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