

EDDYVILLE-BLAKESBURG-FREMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear EBF Families:

Our district utilizes the Standard Response Protocol resource from the "I Love You Guys" Foundation to ensure our staff and students are prepared for emergency situations. This implementation has been in collaboration with Mahaska Emergency Management, Mahaska County Sheriff's Office, and Wapello County Sheriff's Office. These partnerships have been vital to our work to ensure the safety of all students and staff across our campuses. We have completed evacuation (fire), shelter (tornado), and hold drills from the Standard Response Protocol so far this school year. We will continue to review and complete drills during the second half of the school year.

On Thursday, February 29, all EBF school buildings will be drilling the "LOCKDOWN" response. Our hope is that we will never have to use this response, but it is essential we practice the response so we are prepared to ensure our students and staff know what to do in the situation of a school attack. We partner with Mahaska County Emergency Management to facilitate this drill and have emergency personnel in the building from Wapello County and Mahaska County Sheriff's Office. Teachers will be teaching and reviewing "locks, lights, out of sight" with students before the drill. Teachers will lock classrooms, turn lights off, and direct students to where they cannot be seen from the hallway. Students will remain quiet for the duration of the drill. Law enforcement and administration will be clearing each room to end the drill. Immediate feedback will be provided to each classroom.

We are all aware of the tragic event that took place in Perry last month, and our hearts go out to the Perry community. Our planned Lockdown Drill is not reactionary to this event. We intend to practice all types of drills on a regular basis. We appreciate your support as we stay consistent with our scheduled drills so we can work together to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

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

Cathy Williamson, STOP Grant Project Director

Director of Special Services