

Eastport-South Manor Central School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority at Eastport-South Manor. As part of our ongoing commitment to preparedness, we will be conducting a **practice lockdown drill** during morning arrival at every one of our five schools sometime this month.

We understand that lockdown drills can be unsettling, but they are crucial for ensuring everyone knows how to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. This drill will allow us to practice our procedures in a real-world setting, identify areas for improvement, and ultimately enhance campus safety.

What to Expect:

- The exact date of the drill will not be announced in advance.
- During the drill, school doors will be secured, and students and staff will follow established lockdown procedures.
- Parents dropping off children may experience a brief delay as these procedures are implemented.

Your Role:

- We kindly ask for your *patience and understanding* on the day of the drill.
- Parents dropping off children should be prepared for a slightly longer wait time than usual.

Previous Drills:

- While we have conducted lockdown drills in the past, this will be the first time we practice during morning arrival.

Communication:

- We will inform you once the drill has been completed.

Questions:

- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school principal.

We believe this morning drill is an important step in ensuring comprehensive emergency preparedness. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Steimel".

Joseph A. Steimel
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