## EASTPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Good Afternoon Eastport Families:

We take student and staff health and safety very seriously and we strive to have our students learn in the safest environment possible at all times. In order to maintain a safe environment, and in accordance with NY State Education Laws, we conduct several emergency drills throughout the year.

Within the next week, we will be conducting a controlled, announced evacuation (more commonly known as a fire drill) drill during the school day. Our training drills are designed to teach students what to do during an emergency within a trauma-informed environment. We will avoid any tactics during this training exercise that may introduce or activate trauma, such as the use of actors, simulations, or the inclusion of developmentally or age-inappropriate content.

Our building emergency plans are very comprehensive and are developed with input from local law enforcement, building and districtwide committees, Board of Education committees, and guidance from the NY State Education Department. Emergency plans are confidential to the building and although the exact details cannot be shared, feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have at any time.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fabian Principal Eastport Elementary School