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Dear Huron Parents,

In light of the tragic school shooting incidents that have been highlighted in the news recently, I wanted to reach out to parents and community members regarding the efforts that we are making in the Huron School District to keep our students safe. I hope that this letter will provide some information that will give you a clear understanding of our protocols and procedures pertaining to student safety and emergency preparedness.

About a year ago, the Huron School District began working with an emergency preparedness team called Compliance One Group. This organization provides emergency training, detailed emergency planning, and coordination of efforts with police & fire departments. Compliance One Group has created district and building emergency plans for the Huron School District, and they have provided active shooter training to our staff in all of our buildings. In addition, they are working on an emergency preparedness plan that coordinates with the Huron Township Police Department, Fire Services, and mutual aid services at the local and state level.

Should an emergency or disaster situation ever arise in our area while school is in session, we want you to be aware that the school district has made preparations in cooperation with Chief Robbins and local emergency response personnel to respond effectively to such situations. Should we have an emergency or major disaster during school hours, your student(s) will be cared for at the school.

Your cooperation is necessary in any emergency, for both the safety of students and staff, and the expedient reunification with your child. Consequently, Compliance One Group and the Huron Township Department of Public Safety have recommended the following to parents if an emergency or disaster situation should occur.

1. Do not telephone the school. Telephone lines may be needed for emergency communication.
2. Do not go to the school, or evacuation site, until notified to do so.
3. In the event of a serious emergency, students will be kept at their schools, or evacuated to an alternate site. Only a parent or guardian 18 years of age or older, who has been identified as such on the school system emergency form, will be permitted to pick up a student. This form is required to be filled out by parents or guardians at the beginning of every school year.
4. Turn your radio and television to local channels listed on the school website at the time of an emergency. If students are to be kept at school or evacuated to an alternate site, the media will be notified.
5. Impress upon your children the need for them to follow directions of any school personnel in time of an emergency.
6. It is critical that students refrain from using their cell phones during emergency situations. A sudden surge in cell phone usage could overload the system causing it to shut down.

Students will be released only to parents, and/or guardians, identified on the school system emergency form. During an extreme emergency, students will be released at designated reunion gates located on school campuses, or an alternate evacuation site. We ask our parents to be patient and understanding with the school district and its student release process. Please instruct your student, that in the case of an extreme emergency, he or she should remain with school personnel until you, or a designee, arrives.

I hope that we never have a need to enact our safety protocols in an actual emergency situation, but I feel that it is best to have an action plan in case we encounter a serious event. As always, the emergency actions that the schools may take are dependent upon the emergency situation. Please realize that we will do everything in our power to keep your student(s) safe. Planning ahead will help us be prepared if we ever encounter an emergency situation in our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donovan Rowe".

Donovan Rowe

Superintendent, Huron School District