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Dear Families,

As we all know, the safety and well-being of our students are priorities and our commitment to providing a secure learning environment is always at the forefront of what we do. The Sutton Public Schools Community has been working diligently over the last 16 months to increase our preparedness and training. There are several measures being incorporated into our year that strengthen our protocols and increase our sense of safety as a school community. It is time to expand our planning to include you, a critical partner in making the work with students even more impactful.

We understand the importance of community safety being a shared responsibility. To that end, we want to share some information and ask for your support in reinforcing messages with students. Below is an outline of the training we do, or will be doing either as a single drill or a combination of those identified.

- Fire drills, both announced and unannounced
- Stay in place (we remain where we are until released)
- Lockdown (we are neither seen nor heard)
- Evacuation (leave the building and walk to our designated assembly point)
- Reunification (leave the building and we are transported from an assembly point to a place where parents are to meet their children for pick up)

The language we use for the drills is straightforward and developmentally appropriate. Students work with their teachers, assistants, support staff, and building-level administrators to become comfortable with the response needed based on the identified drill. In the event that any of our training is ever needed we will be prepared and more comfortable with how to respond.

In addition to student training, we will be hosting two safety sessions this year geared to our families. The first will be an informational meeting to review with parents/caregivers what it is we practice and to allow for you to ask questions. The event will be held on **Tuesday, December 5th, from 6:00-6:45p.m. in the Simonian Center for Early Learning/Sutton Elementary auditorium.** Fire Chief Matt Belsito and Lieutenant Lisa Sullivan and/or School Resource Officer Nick Bertone will join district and school administration that evening and each will outline areas we are focused on. Members of the Sutton High School's National Honor Society chapter will provide childcare. We ask that you pre-register for childcare, if possible, in order to help us plan age-appropriate activities. A link is provided below. Additionally, we encourage you

to submit questions ahead of time as they can help to guide our talking points. It will also increase our efficiency in getting responses to people during Q&A Tuesday night. The link for questions is also below.

In the spring we will have an informational session regarding a practice evacuation and reunification drill for our middle and high school students.

We encourage you to submit questions ahead of time as they can help to guide our talking points. It will also increase our efficiency in getting responses to people during Q&A Tuesday night. The link for questions is also below.

We hope to see you on Tuesday, December 5th.

[Register for childcare here](#)

[Link to questions I have](#)

We want to again emphasize that our commitment to safety is an ongoing and collaborative effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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