

ROSEAU VALLEY SCHOOL

"GREAT PEOPLE MAKE GREAT SCHOOLS"

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Oct. 9th, 2018

Parents and Guardians of RVS Students and Community Members,

The safety of all students and staff at Roseau Valley School is a priority to the administration of the school. With that in mind, we continue to evaluate our emergency preparedness plans to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place for students and staff to respond to various situations that may occur within our school.

For example, fire drills are practiced throughout the year at RVS. We practice them regularly to prepare students in the event of a real emergency. We do this so that the risk to students, staff and visitors can be minimized. We expect the students to treat each drill as though it was the real situation and we believe this practice is integral to school safety.

In November of 2014, under Deputy Minister Gerald Farthing, *Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning* changed some of its expectations regarding "School Emergency Preparedness". An expectation that changed was the number of **planned lockdowns** in a school year. Previously, the expectation was to hold 1 planned lockdown per school year, but that has now increased to 2 planned lockdowns per year.

In 2013, RVS updated its lockdown procedure to line up with the RCMP procedure on lockdowns. The procedure that RVS has developed allows students and staff to deal with situations requiring them to be in a secure location within the school. This procedure is used in a variety of non-emergent and emergent circumstances. These situations may include (but are not limited to) medical situations, extreme weather, drug dog visits and threats. Like fire drills, it is important to practice student and staff response in these situations. If there is a need to go into the state of lockdown, it would need to happen quickly and efficiently to ensure everything possible is being done to keep our students and staff safe.

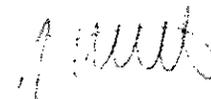
RVS will conduct a planned lockdown drill with students and staff on Oct. 11th, 2018 (am).

We will move through the levels of this procedure in about 30 minutes. Classes will continue as scheduled. Classes will continue with their work, in as normal a fashion as possible, during this time.

Prior to the practice lockdown, teachers and staff will share the lockdown procedures with students and staff so everyone understands the process. If a staff member notices a student that has difficulty during this time, there will be contact with the parents/guardians to go over the situation.

Also, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Mr. Mateychuk or Mrs. Janzen to discuss the situation.

In Education,



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