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Dear Parents,

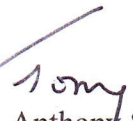
At Atlanta Community Schools we take the safety of your student(s) very seriously! We have been working with law enforcement on many upgrades and procedures in our building and facilities. This includes a School safety Emergency Operations Plan, adding a School Resource Officer, providing emergency training to all staff, having a school assessment done for the building and grounds, and updating all of our mapping systems. We have also added "blue" emergency lighting which will be used during a "lockdown" situation in the school. These blue emergency lights have been placed both inside and outside of the building to notify everyone that a lockdown situation is in process. Anyone who is approaching the building and sees the blue light flashing with a siren going off, should get away from the building.

Additionally, a very important part of our School Safety plan is our required safety drills throughout the year. We provide these so that our students, staff, and visitors are prepared in case of an emergency situation. For the 2023-24 school year, we have planned five fire drills, three safety/security/lockdown drills and 2 tornado drills. These will be spread out throughout the year and will be documented on our website within 30 days of occurrence. Some of the drills will be during lunch/recess or passing time and will be at all times and days of the week. All of this is to prepare us for an emergency situation. The dates and times of the drills will not be shared in advance as to better prepare students that all drills may be an actual emergency. We ask that you remind your student to take all drills very seriously.

In an actual emergency, the District, along with Law Enforcement would be contacting you through our District's Bloomz/message system and giving updates and where to reunite safely with your child. This information is not given out in advance as each emergency situation could be different and requires flexibility for the District and Law Enforcement.

Once again, we take your child's safety very seriously! If you have any questions regarding school safety or emergency drills, please contact either myself or our Principal, Tawny Hisscock.

Sincerely,


Anthony Suszek
Superintendent