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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In keeping with the BRSD safe and caring schools philosophy, École Camrose Composite High School will be participating in regular fire drills according to the Alberta Fire Code, and we will also be having lockdown drills as recommended. We have been collaborating with police and fire departments to ensure there are safe procedures in place for lockdowns. A lockdown drill allows students and staff to practice actual security procedures. There can be many reasons a lockdown can be used including dangerous weather (tornado), an intruder, a threat to property or person, or a gas/chemical leak, just to name a few.

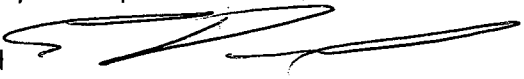
We will be having a lockdown drill in October once we have this coordinated with the Camrose City Police. This drill will be held with the assistance of Camrose City Police and several other emergency personnel. After the drill is complete, this team was able to debrief in order to help evaluate a school's preparedness for such situations and recommend improvements to our procedures. Please talk with your children about our lockdown drill and reassure them they are safe at school and that practicing what to do in an emergency is an important process.

Lock down procedures

1. The students will hear over the PA the callout "Lockdown, Lockdown, Lockdown"
2. Students if outside the classroom will go into the nearest room.
3. They will go into an area of the room that cannot be viewed from the outside as directed by their teacher.
4. The lights will be turned off, the door locked and the blinds will be drawn.
5. They may see police in their building helping to make recommendations to the program.
6. Students will remain quiet and still until they are released to resume class.
7. After the drill is complete, students will be debriefed by their classroom teacher.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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