

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As always, the safety and security of your children is of the utmost importance to all of us in the Bolton Public Schools. The District is concerned with students' physical and emotional well-being and will help students cope with situations as they arise as well as an emergency or disaster and its aftermath.

Safety Plans

Each building, the fire department, Connecticut State Police, the town's emergency management director, and the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security have a copy of the BPS All-Hazard School Security and Safety Plan. The plan is a reference for school personnel to use as we prepare and respond to emergencies or crisis situations. The purpose of the plan is to provide personnel in the school district with a better understanding of their authority, responsibilities, and duties as they protect the students entrusted to their care.

Communications

The District will disseminate emergency information through School Messenger and TV media as it does for severe weather closings. It is extremely important to always keep your contact information up to date and anytime there is a change to notify your child's school immediately.

Emergency Responses

Emergency responses will depend on the circumstances and may include evacuation or lockdown. During a lockdown, no one may enter or leave the building until it is safe to do so. In the unlikely event an emergency response is needed at your child's school, staff members will be totally engaged supervising students. We will provide information through School Messenger and the District's website, <http://www.boltonpublicschools.com>, as quickly as possible. Additional instructions will be given in the event of an evacuation, including our location and the dismissal process.

School Safety

Lastly, school safety is a responsibility that requires ongoing attention, practice, and improvement. So, although we continue to follow the All-Hazard School Security and Safety Plan, our Safe School Climate Plan, and our PBIS model we also find ourselves constantly identifying areas of improvement and refining our procedures to be more vigilant, more efficient, and more prepared.

I assure you that we do not just say student safety is a priority. We make it a point to have procedures and practices in place to anticipate, prevent, and if necessary, respond to an array of incidents so our students and staff are kept safe and able to keep the focus on education. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's building principal.

We are all looking forward to the return of our students and the first day of school tomorrow!

Warm regards,
Kristin B. Heckt ~ Superintendent