

Dear Parents:

The Michigan legislature recently passed legislation requiring all schools in Michigan to conduct two lockdown drills along with fire and tornado drills each school year. The first lockdown drill must be done before the end of the 06-07 school year. Beginning in the fall of 2007, schools must do two lockdown drills, six fire drills, and two tornado drills each year.

Schools must, according to the law, at least one lockdown drill needs to be conducted during lunch, recess, and/or change-of-class times to be prepared for different situations. For high school and academy students, that means if a drill is in session when students are out of the building, for the safety of everyone, they cannot be allowed back into the building until the drill is over.

For classes that are regularly taught outside (marching band, gym, and so on), teachers will be provided with instructions on the appropriate response to the lockdown situation.

In the event of a real emergency causing a lockdown, the students who are outside of the building should follow the directions of school personnel or law enforcement people who may be present. If there is no school or law enforcement people present, students should seek safe shelter until the situation is clear.

This information is being provided to you so you will be aware that students may be out of school during a lock-down drill and to inform you of the procedures that are in place and need to be followed.

Pinconning Area Schools strives to be student-centered, and the safety of our students is a priority. If you have any questions, please contact your school administrator for more information.

Educationally yours,

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Superintendent of Schools