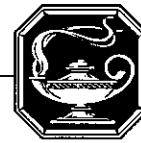


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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

November 19, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Early Dismissal: Friday, January 18
FXH: 11:45 AM and LOMS: 1:10 PM

As you know, the district has been very proactive over the past six years, embarking on several security initiatives designed to keep our children safe. Some of these measures focused on "hardening" access to our buildings; these included the creation of secured vestibules with electronic identification procedures, surveillance cameras, perimeter fencing, doors with limited visibility that lock from inside classrooms, etc. Other measures, not as visible, included the implementation of a visitor policy that re-directs adults who do not have children in our schools to the Conference Center Business Office, visitations by parents and guardians by appointment, demarcated safe areas in each classroom, training through a variety of drills, direct communication with the police through the RAVE system, electronic messaging system to parents/guardians, employment of trained school security aides licensed by the State Department, ability to share extemporaneous camera feed to law enforcement, etc. Thus, we have consciously embraced a holistic approach to school safety that integrates the use of technology with sensible practices. Our goal is to obtain police assistance through rapid response and notification systems while providing communication with parents and guardians in a timely manner.

Despite our best efforts, we know we must always be looking to improve the way we manage our learning and play environments as well as the way we manage ourselves in challenging situations. To this end, we maintain open communication with the Commanding Officer of the Fourth Precinct and the team at Homeland Security. They provide ongoing assistance with on-site audits that improve our District and Building Emergency Safety Plans. They also provide frequent updates for improving our procedures during drills along with overall training of our faculty and staff.

In a recent meeting with representatives from Homeland Security, we were advised that it is time for us to conduct new safety training protocols with our faculty and staff. **We plan to do this on Friday, January 18, 2019. Thus, we will dismiss children early that day.** Please make arrangements for your child's return home that day as per the schedule below. We will follow the same dismissal times and transportation arrangements with which we are familiar for Parent/Teacher Conference Days. Kindly, put this date and your child's dismissal time on your calendar:

January 18, 2019 Early Dismissals at FXH: 11:45 AM and LOMS: 1:10 PM

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

Rosmarie T. Bovino

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