

## Surry County Public Schools

P.O. Box 317 Surry, Virginia 23883

September 27, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The safety and security of our students and staff are a top priority for Surry County Public Schools. We will be implementing a lockdown drill by the end of this week to ensure that our school remains a safe place for our students to learn. We are required to have our first lockdown drill in the first 20 days of school and two additional unannounced lockdown drills in the remainder of the school year.

During a lockdown drill, students will remain in the classroom, regular activities will stop, and all doors will be secured. Students will remain inside the classroom until instructed by the safety authority figure to resume activities. Also, all doors will be locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the classroom and/or the school building for the duration of the drill.

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are exempt from mandatory participation in lockdown drills during the first 60 days of the school session. Each prekindergarten and kindergarten student will participate in the lockdown drills after the first 60 days of school and their teachers have had time to acclimate them to the school building and safety procedures.

We kindly ask that you take the time to speak with your child about the lockdown drill and reinforce its importance. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Mr. Giron R. Wooden, Jr Assistant to the Superintendent