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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to you today to follow up to a letter that was sent home yesterday regarding an “*Evacuation Drill*”. This drill was scheduled for today; however, due to the inclement weather, in concert with feedback from the police department, we opted to postpone the Evacuation Drill until a later date. In its place the school participated in a “*Shelter in Place Drill*”. The purpose of this drill is to provide students with a safe central location to gather should there be a need to maintain our safety within the building during a time of crisis. An example of this could be some sort of severe weather occurrence that could make it dangerous for students to leave the building.

I am proud to say that all students participated in the Shelter in Place drill today in a well-organized, well-behaved fashion. This drill required that all students reported to the All Purpose Room where attendance was taken and instructions were given had this been a real Shelter in Place scenario. If this had been a real emergency, students would remain in the APR room until the crisis passed. We have emergency supplies on hand in the APR room including water, snacks, flashlights, first aid kits and communication devices. Furthermore, had this been a real emergency, the school would inform parents via the roam secure alert network on cell phones, emails, and text messages. If you have not already signed up to the ROAM network, I encourage all parents to access this service through the district website.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this Shelter in Place drill or any other aspects of our Emergency Operation Plan, I encourage you to give us a call at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey W. Adams, Psy.D.
Principal

Building upon our history, diversity and convictions, the Mission of the Woodbury Public Schools is to educate all of our students to be responsible citizens who excel in their endeavors and meet life's challenges with courage and confidence; this is accomplished by providing strong academic and co-curricular opportunities, delivered by skilled and dedicated individuals, in partnership with a small, supportive community.