

## MADISON- VIRGIL

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As of July 1, 2018, all schools in Kansas are required to conduct 16 emergency drills. These drills are mandatory and consist of:

- 4 Fire Drills
- 3 Tornado Drills
- 9 Crisis Drills

USD #386 will conduct and practice these drills as directed by the State Fire Marshal. The crisis drills will consist of, but are not limited, to the following:

**Lockout:** Secure the perimeter- Nobody is allowed to come and go from the school.

**Partial Lockdown:** Classroom doors are locked and students and teachers will continue teaching as usual. No students will be allowed in the hallways.

**Lockdown:** Classroom doors are locked and students take shelter in the classroom.

**Evacuation:** Students leave the building to a predetermined site.

**Staged Scenario:** Teachers are delivered a staged scenario, then students and teachers respond according to the protocol.

USD #386 will plan the above drills beginning with a lockout and progress toward the staged scenario later in the year. Each month we will conduct the required drills during our regular school day. We will notify parents through EZSchool Message, immediately following each crisis drill.

A memo sent to Kansas Superintendents from the State Fire Marshal's office indicates that we are prohibited from announcing crisis drills ahead of time. Although it would be comforting to know about these drills well in advance, publicizing this information could create vulnerable situations.

As our school district implements these drills, I ask for your patience and understanding. Having children of my own attending district schools, I understand there may be a great deal of fear involved with considering the safety of our children. Through our work and training, we are empowering staff to make decisions based upon the best available information to keep our kids safe. Student safety and security are our first responsibility.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Stu Moeckel

Superintendent