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Dear Parents,

Safety is a top priority in the Deer Valley Unified School District. Not only have our schools undergone extensive design changes that help us keep our students, staff and visitors safe, we have also taken a close look at our safety procedures (fire drills, lockdowns, etc.) and made a few changes. I want to share with you those changes, which will be effective at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Fire Alarms

Until now, when a fire alarm sounded, students and staff would evacuate to a predetermined location away from the buildings. Going forward, when a fire alarm is sounded, students will be held in their classroom or location until told by administration or emergency personnel to evacuate. (Of course, if the classroom teacher can smell smoke or see fire, they will evacuate immediately without awaiting further instruction.)

Lockdowns

During a lockdown drill, administration will state over the PA system, "Teachers and staff, we are now initiating a lockdown drill." If a real emergency exists, administration will state over the PA system, "This is a code red lockdown, code red lockdown, code red lockdown." If a fire alarm is sounded during a lockdown drill or an emergency lockdown, staff and students will be held in their classrooms or location until told by administration or emergency personnel to evacuate, unless the teacher can smell smoke or see fire. Students and staff will evacuate immediately if that is the case.

Our goal is to provide a quality education to every student, while providing a safe and nurturing campus for all to learn and grow. The above changes to our procedures were implemented with the safety of all students, staff and visitors in mind. We appreciate your support as we continue to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

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Director of School Operations & Athletics

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