PRSD Emergency Protective Actions and Recommended Parental Responses

Parent notification will be through the SchoolMessenger system (may include automated phone messages, email and/or text message) and website.

Please note that these are general guidelines as responses are incident specific.

School Closings & Delayed Openings

Examples include inclement weather and power outages.

- Parents should monitor the PRSD web site, SchoolMessenger and radio/television stations.
- Parents should monitor conditions at home and not attempt to bring children to school unless the District announces a Delayed Opening.

Early Dismissal

Early dismissal of the students and staff due to emergencies such as inclement weather, power outage, fire or law enforcement activity.

- 1. Parents should not attempt to pick up children unless this is the normal practice.
- Parents should monitor the PRSD web site and SchoolMessenger notifications as they do for snow closings. DO NOT phone the school district since this will tie up phone lines needed for emergency response.
- 3. Parents should have an early dismissal plan in place to insure that their children will be received by a designated responsible adult.

 Their children should be aware of those arrangements and the plan.

Shelter-In-Place

The entire school population moves to a single or to multiple location(s) within a school building. The receiving areas of building will have been checked and declared safe. The students will remain in that location until the situation has been curtailed. Short-Term Shelter in Place is most commonly used during weather emergencies such as moving students away from windows during hurricane.

- Children will NOT be released from school. Parents should NOT attempt to pick up their children nor should they be present at the school.
- 2. Parents should monitor the PRSD web site and SchoolMessenger notifications as they do for snow closings.

Hold-In-Place

This procedure indicates that a short-term emergency situation exists within the building and that all staff and students are to immediately move out of the hallways and into secure areas. An example includes a medical emergency that requires the halls to be clear so that emergency personnel can access freely. Law enforcement will be involved if there is a threat to the safety of the building and may coordinate subsequent actions until the situation has been curtailed.

- In general, children will NOT be released from school.
- Parents should NOT attempt to pick up their children nor should they be present at the school unless advised to do so by school officials of law enforcement.

Evacuate

In the event that the building is evacuated (e.g. fire) and is not cleared for re-entry, all persons will be directed to an alternate evacuation site.

- Parents should monitor the PRSD web site and SchoolMessenger notifications as they do for snow closings.
- 2. Parents should listen for information about where the alternate location will be for their children.
- 3. DO NOT attempt to pick up children from the sheltering location until advised to do so by school officials.

Lockout

Used to secure school buildings and grounds during incidents that pose an imminent concern outside of the school. This procedure curtails outside activity (e.g. Physical Education classes. recess) and access to the campus/building is limited. This procedure allows the school to continue the normal school day. Examples of a lockout situation include criminal activity in the neighborhood or a wild animal on the property.

- No one may enter the building during a lockout
- 2. DO NOT attempt to pick up children from the school building until advised to do so by school officials.
- 3. Controlled access to the building may be extended to the campus perimeter.

Lockdown

Used to secure school buildings and grounds during incidents that pose an immediate threat of violence in or around the school. Students, faculty and staff remain in their current location. No one is allowed to leave the building until the situation has been curtailed. Law enforcement will coordinate subsequent actions until the situation has been curtailed.

- Children will NOT be released from school. Parents should NOT attempt to pick up their children nor should they be present at the school.
- Parents should monitor the PRSD web site and SchoolMessenger notifications as they do for snow closings.