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Dear parents/guardians:

Schools are considered to be the safest places in our communities. However, in reality, an emergency can happen anywhere at any time. It is imperative that our families are informed of how we will communicate if and when an emergency occurs, especially during a lockdown or school evacuation.

During an emergency, it is unlikely you will be able to reach the school by phone. We will make every effort to contact parents directly and by the methods noted below. We strongly encourage parents to not come to the school during an emergency unless directed to do so. Although your natural instincts in an emergency may be to go to the school to safeguard your child, please understand that doing so could impede the response to the situation. During any emergency, our first priority is the safety of our students and staff and we work closely with emergency personnel and the appropriate agencies to keep our students and staff safe. Our plans do not replace the authority of law enforcement, fire or EMS, and we work in full co-operation with these agencies. Parents and guardians can assist with our emergency planning by ensuring your child's emergency contact information is up to date with the school and transportation office.

Phone calls to family and updates through local media

Parents will be alerted to emergency situations through direct phone calls and/or electronic notifications. Also, stay tuned to local radio stations for news alerts as we will share as much information as possible with them to ensure our families are informed.

Website and Social Media

We will also keep families informed by posting information regarding the emergency on our website, facebook and twitter accounts. We will also share information on local community facebook groups.

WEBSITE: www.prsd.ab.ca

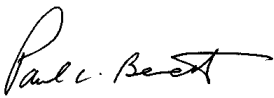
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/prsd10

TWITTER: www.twitter.com/prsd10

The way we respond to an emergency is greatly influenced by the specifics of an incident and every school has protocols and practices in place to respond. All schools practice fire, evacuation, lockdown and school bus evacuation procedures to ensure students and staff are prepared to respond if an emergency occurs.

Please understand that for security reasons, certain components of our emergency response plans are not publicly available. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your school emergency response plan, kindly contact your school and staff will be happy to answer questions or address concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Paul Bennett,
PRSD Superintendent of Schools