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Dear Parents of Students in the Hammonton Public Schools,

This year the NJ Department of Education has revised the emergency drills in public schools. In the past, principals conducted two fire drills a month. Now the principals have to conduct one fire drill and one emergency drill.

The emergency drills include:

- Shelter-in-place
- Reverse evacuation
- Evacuation to relocation site
- Active shooter
- Evacuation (non- fire)
- Bomb threat
- Lockdown
- Testing of school's notification system and procedures
- Testing of school's communication system and procedures
- Tabletop exercise
- Full scale exercise

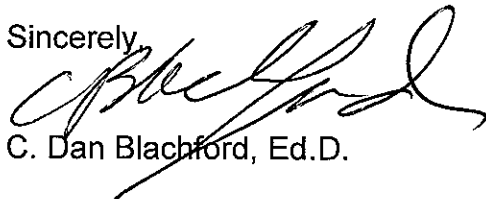
The principals of the schools have attended training and are thoroughly familiar with the drills. They will coordinate with local emergency responders by updating safety and security plans and procedures for drilling, managing and responding to school emergencies. The principals will have the teachers explain the first few drills to the students before the drills are conducted.

We all feel this preparation will enable us to respond to incidents more effectively.

If you want more information on the new regulation, go to NJ Department of Education and search for *School Security Drill Guide*.

Please call your child's principal if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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