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Good Evening,

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In the coming days and weeks, all WCSD students and staff will have participated in a building security drill. Additionally, all students will have worked with our building administration and staff to review the Run, Hide, Fight model. Run, Hide, Fight is an option based approach for responding to potentially dangerous situations. The drill and Run, Hide, Fight review are intended to empower students and staff to make critical decisions using building infrastructure and human action to enhance safety and survivability. WCSD staff has previously reviewed all district safety procedures and the Run, Hide, Fight model.

In accordance with WCSD's safety review and building drills, the district has implemented model threat assessment procedures. In June of 2019, legislation was enacted to assist schools in creating safer environments. One of the acts, Article XIII-E, Threat Assessment was added to the Pennsylvania School Code. The law states that each school entity (school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, regional charter school, or cyber charter school) shall establish at least one threat assessment team. At this time our Middle School and High School teams are in place and fully trained to conduct threat assessments for the district. Teams for each of our elementary schools will be trained this year. If you would like additional information on the Threat Assessment statute or process for WCSD, please refer to our district website [here](#).

The WCSD is committed to school safety. Unfortunately, our schools and others throughout the country may be affected either directly or indirectly by a crisis of some kind at any time. Therefore, it is our goal to be prepared to handle unforeseen circumstances. In an effort to keep our students and staff safe, we run various drills regularly throughout the school year.

The WCSD encourages you to speak with your child often about safety and preparedness. Please reinforce with your child that while training is necessary, the district is always working to keep our schools safe and our staff will do all they can to protect them.

Please refer to our district webpage [here](#) for additional safety related information.

We thank you for your attention and cooperation as we strive to provide the safest learning environment for your child.

Sincerely,

WCSD Administration