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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Student safety is of the utmost importance. This year we've been practising outdoor fire drills and are now ready to review and practise our lockdown and lockout procedures, as part of our school-wide safety plan. The Limestone District School Board suggests that each school review and practise its lockdown and lockout procedures each year. As with fire drills, these lockdown and lockout drills are precautionary in nature, but need to be reviewed, nonetheless. This Thursday, February 4, in the afternoon, the staff and students of Storrington P.S. will practise our lockdown and lockout procedures.

A **lockdown** could be necessary to keep our students safe for a variety of different reasons. For instance, it could become necessary to keep our students secure in their classrooms if there were an unwanted presence (for example, an unwanted animal or person) in the building.

A **lockout** would happen in the event of an unwanted presence on our playground or in the vicinity and it would be necessary to keep our students safe inside the building, while at the same time locking out the unwanted presence.

It is the intent of the school administration that the drills/reviews of these lockdown/lockout procedures will increase the awareness and safety of all our staff and students. Please take the time to discuss the importance of these drills with your children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.

Sincerely,

Allison Sirman
Principal

Dave Coe
Vice Principal