



## Yorkton Regional High School & Parkland College Main Campus Lockdown Drill

As you are aware, schools within the Good Spirit School Division regularly practise lockdowns as part of their emergency planning so that school staff and students are familiar with the lockdown procedure. However, it is our belief that we can always increase our knowledge of procedures and policies. To increase our overall preparedness, the Yorkton Regional High School/Parkland College Main Campus and the Yorkton RCMP will be executing a school lockdown drill in the near future. It is important to note that the upcoming lockdown drill will be much more extensive and involved than the typical drills practiced at the YRHS/Parkland College. This event will involve multiple Emergency First Responders throughout the City of Yorkton. Sharing this information is intended to bring awareness to the families of our students and to reassure our community that the YRHS/Parkland College and our Emergency First Responders are prepared for such an event in the future.

It is important to understand that if a school implements a lockdown and there is any reason to believe that imminent danger to students and staff may exist, Emergency First Responders are contacted; this includes but is not limited to the RCMP. At this stage, everyone in the school will move to a secure location that is safe from harm. The RCMP will respond to the school and no one will enter or leave until the situation has been resolved.

The first instinct of parents & guardians is to either phone the school, phone their child or to go to the school. We urge you not to do any of those things but instead to understand and follow procedures outlined in this letter.

Experience has shown that roadways need to be kept clear for responding emergency vehicles. Parents and others attempting to drive to the school can slow police and other Emergency First Responders from getting to and securing the area as quickly as possible. Therefore, if you hear that a school lockdown is occurring, **do not attend to the school**. Instead, please be assured that every effort will be made to keep you informed as to what is happening during the event.

We also ask that you **not** attempt to phone your child. In a lockdown, everyone must remain quiet, and a ringing cell phone may draw undue attention to the secure location where your child and his/her classmates are.

We encourage you to discuss school safety with your child and to address any concerns they may have. Please direct any questions that you may have about school safety and procedures to the Yorkton RCMP or The Yorkton Regional High School/Parkland College.

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail” – Benjamin Franklin

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