



**Parent Guidance** In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.



## **SECURE - Get Inside. Lock outside doors.**

**SECURE** is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building or school campus. Students and staff are brought into the classrooms/building and outside doors will be locked. The school might display the **Building is Secured** poster on the entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

### **SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?**

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a **SECURE** event.

### **WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?**

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, **SECURE** might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

### **WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?**

When a **SECURE** event is brief or the hazard is not-violent, like a dog on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the **SECURE** is in place.



## **LOCKDOWN - Locks, Lights, Out of Sight!**

A **LOCKDOWN** is called when there is something dangerous inside of a building or school campus. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A **LOCKDOWN** is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building or school campus.

### **SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?**

The natural inclination for parents is to go to their school during a **LOCKDOWN**. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building/school campus, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to **LOCKDOWN** as well.

### **SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?**

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a **LOCKDOWN** event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a **LOCKDOWN**, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

