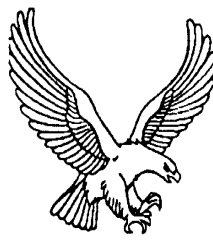


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Home of the Blackhawks

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On October 23, 2023 River Valley High School conducted a lockdown safety drill. Teachers and students were NOT notified in advance. During the drill our teachers identified the “safe zone” in the classroom where they cannot be seen through any corridor windows, and staff reviewed the school’s exit strategies. The drill was initiated over our public address system at 8:45 a.m. as, *“This is a safety drill. Your attention please. We are in a lockdown. Teachers, lock your doors and keep students in your room until further notice. Students or staff should go into the nearest classroom or office. Ignore all alarms and bells unless advised otherwise.”* The drill was complete one minute and thirty seconds later at 8:47 a.m. and an **ALL CLEAR** announcement was made. Officer Kurek, Luke Thatcher, Jaime Hegland and Darby Blakley checked the doors and windows to make sure that the school was secure. According to Officer Kurek, the building was secure in under thirty seconds. The two minutes lasted due to the need to check all the doors in the building.

Our high school implements the Standard Response Protocol during all drills. Our students are trained to move away from sight and maintain silence. Our teachers are trained to lock their classroom door, drop in the safety pin for the door, drop their door-window curtains, turn their lights out, move away from sight, maintain silence, do not open the door, and take roll to account for all students. During the drill all doors were checked and found to be locked.

There were 52 adults present for this drill and 383 students that took part in this safety drill.

Successful highlights:

Staff responded in a timely manner and the school was secure in approximately thirty seconds. It took approximately two minutes to check all doors in the building. ALL Teachers had locked doors. All students responded promptly. The students responded really well.

Focus areas for the next drill:

We will focus on having teachers utilize the phone system during our next drill.

Certifications:

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on November 9, 2023 during our regular school board meeting.

Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on October 23, 2023 and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on November 9, 2023.

Principal Signature: _____

Superintended Signature: _____

School Board President Signature: _____