River Valley High School

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Home of the Blackhawks

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On May 11, 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 8:14 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 3 minutes later at 8:17 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 one minute. The three 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 49 adults present for this drill and 394 students that took part in this safety drill.

Successful highlights:

Staff responded in a timely manner and the school was secure in approximately one minute. It took approximately three 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:

During the drill, while the teachers and students were on lockdown, Mr. Blakley talked to one teacher about dropping their blinds and talked to the kitchen staff about how to lock down their area.

Certifications:

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on June 8, 2023 during our regular school board meeting.

Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on May 11, 2023 and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on June 8, 2023.

Principal Signature:	
Superintended Signature:	
School Board President Signature:	