

# Dayton Avenue School

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**JOSEPH A. STEIMEL**  
*Superintendent of Schools*



**SHELITA WATKIS, PH.D**  
*Principal*

April 15, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety of our students and staff remains a top priority. In order to maintain a safe learning environment, we routinely practice various safety drills. These drills are in accordance with NYS Education Department requirements. Recently, Mr. Steimel shared [this letter](#) to inform the community that we will be conducting a lockdown drill during morning arrival during the month of April.

We have developed plans to conduct a lockdown drill during arrival that reflects NYSED and local law enforcement guidance. Our plans are confidential to the district. Please remember that the exact date of this drill will not be announced. Flashing blue strobe lights are an indicator that we are in a lockdown. Should you be on campus and observe flashing blue strobe lights, you will not be permitted to enter the building. If you are at the guard booth, you will not be permitted to enter our campus. Parents and guardians may experience some delay while dropping off children on the day of the drill. I thank you in advance for your patience as we conduct this drill.

Please rest assured that we are taking steps to make sure, that as with all other drills, our students are kept safe and not put in traumatic situations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 631-801-3085.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Watkis*

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