



## **EASTPORT** Elementary School

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**JOHN J. DEKAMS, JR.**  
Principal

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Dear Eastport Families:

As shared in our previous communication, our school conducted a controlled, announced lockdown drill today in accordance with New York State Education Law. For this particular drill, our staff and students practiced emergency protocols during a mock dismissal. I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership in helping us maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff.

The purpose of this drill was to provide students and staff the opportunity to practice our emergency procedures in a calm and supportive manner. Our focus remains on ensuring that everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency while maintaining a trauma-informed approach. During the drill, staff guided students through the process step-by-step, and the exercise was completed safely and efficiently.

We are proud of how responsibly and respectfully our students participated. These drills are an important part of our ongoing efforts to keep our school community prepared and safe.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to learn more about our emergency preparedness procedures, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

Sincerely,

Mr. John DeKams  
Principal  
Eastport Elementary School