



# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Pleasant Valley Parents and Guardians,

In our continued efforts to maintain safety in our schools, the Pleasant Valley School District is continuing the Run, Hide, Fight, safety protocol in the event of an active threat emergency.

The “Run, Hide, Fight” protocol is recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Pennsylvania State Police, and others. The training is designed to provide everyone with the knowledge and skills needed to make a decision in the event of an emergency. The training will prepare everyone to continuously assess their situation and make decisions accordingly. If the threat is a distance away, everyone will be trained to carefully evacuate the building to a safe location. If the threat is near, everyone will be trained to hide, similar to the “lockdown” procedure used in the past and barricade themselves as safely as possible. If it is clear the threat is attempting to enter their room, everyone will be trained that it may be a necessity to defend themselves, if this is their only option. This protocol will be modified for students based on age and will be presented in an age appropriate manner.

The Pennsylvania Public School Code 24 P.S. 15-1517 requires that fire drills be conducted in every school building of a school entity at least once a month while school is in session. Within 90 days of the beginning of the school year, school entities must conduct one school security drill in each school building in lieu of a required fire drill. The purpose of this letter is to inform you in advance that we are going to be conducting a drill within the next few weeks. Additionally, we are notifying our local law enforcement so that are aware of the drill.

If you have any questions related to this upcoming drill, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal at 570-402-1000 and the extension listed below:

Pleasant Valley Elementary, Roger Pomposello ext. 6001  
Pleasant Valley Intermediate, Kendal Askins, ext. 3001  
Pleasant Valley Middle School – Jason Van Voorhis, ext. 2001  
Pleasant Valley High School – Jonathan Ayre and Brian Boylan, ext. 4001

Please understand the purpose of the letter is not to alarm anyone, but to keep you informed about Pleasant Valley School District threat safety protocol.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools