



# ASHTABULA AREA CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Safety Forces:

The safety of all children in our schools as well as the safety of the school staff and support personnel is very important to us. In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to exercise our procedures.

On Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> the district conducted its annual emergency management test which simulates an actual school emergency. Students from Ontario Primary School were evacuated and relocated to another district school building. This relocation was to simulate a reunification and release of students with parents. We are very proud of all of our students and staff who carefully followed all safety directives and protocols during the exercise. In addition, several parents volunteered to help with the exercise, we greatly appreciate their assistance. Great job by all those involved!

We would like to extend our thanks to the Ashtabula City Police Department, Ashtabula City Fire Department, Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and the Saybrook Township Fire Department for assisting in this district safety exercise. We are grateful to work with and have such professional community safety partners.

Please remember that these safety practice drills are done to help maintain our schools as a safe place to learn and work. We are proud to be able to serve you and your children and we will continually strive to provide a safe learning environment for them.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school safety, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Potts  
Superintendent of Schools

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