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NANCY OLCOTT
Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The safety of Fletcher Elementary students is our greatest priority. Recent events across the nation demonstrate that schools and communities must be prepared for a variety of emergency situations. We believe a person's reaction to an emergency situation depends largely on their training and practice beforehand.

This letter is to inform you that your student has been learning how to respond at school during an emergency situation. Your student is learning how to react, where to assemble, and what to expect in an emergency situation. Bakersfield City School District uses the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), a nationally recognized safety protocol for schools. The SRP consists of four procedures: Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. Fletcher practices these four procedures throughout the year. It is important that students learn what to do in all areas of the school, including the cafeteria, classroom, playground, hallways, and restrooms.

Providing for your child's safety when at school in our care is a major responsibility of our staff. The entire staff at Fletcher has been educated and trained on a variety of situations and will be prepared to make prompt and responsible decisions in any situation that could threaten the safety of the students.

The SRP procedures are enclosed with this letter. It is strongly encouraged that you also review these procedures at home with your child. Furthermore, it is important that children memorize their address and phone numbers in case of a crisis situation.

As we train and prepare students for the appropriate response for any given emergency, we also want to be sure we communicate important information with all parents and caregivers.

In the event that a major disaster should happen during school, do not come immediately to the school. Access to the school and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles. Additionally, avoid calling the school. It is essential that telephone lines are open for emergency calls. During an actual emergency, information and instructions will be sent out to parents/guardians once the situation is safe to do so.

Thank you for support in our efforts to keep all Fletcher students and staff safe. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call my office at 661-631-5960.

Sincerely,

Nancy Olcott, Principal