

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4
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Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

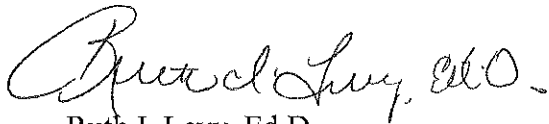
A recent change to Connecticut law requires that schools hold crisis response drills at least once every three months. The new law, Public Act 09-131, also mandates that schools coordinate with local law enforcement agencies when developing these crisis response drills and permits schools to have a representative from a local law enforcement agency supervise or participate in the drills.

In accordance with this new requirement, the schools of Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region No. 4 will be conducting announced and unannounced crisis response drills throughout the 2009-2010 school year beginning in November 2009. We will be consulting with local law enforcement officials to design and conduct appropriate drills and may have law enforcement officials present during these drills.

Connecticut law now also mandates that fire drills be conducted in any month that a crisis response drill has not been conducted. Fire drills will continue to be conducted throughout the 2009-2010 school year in accordance with this requirement.

We believe that both crisis response and fire drills will help keep our children safe by ensuring that every member of the school community is fully prepared to act in the case of an emergency. If you have any questions or concerns about the drills that will be conducted or the preparation of Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region No. 4 schools for an emergency, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



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