

December 14, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The tragic events in Connecticut today remind us all of the importance of emergency preparedness. Continued vigilance and open communication between home and school is imperative in helping to maintain safe school environments.

The Rocky River City School District has secured entrances at all school buildings. Both Goldwood Primary School and Kensington Intermediate School use a secure camera/buzzer entrance. Rocky River Middle School has a passive security entrance and Rocky River High School has a staffed security entrance in place.

The district has a safety plan that is updated, reviewed, and ready for use when needed. This important, secure, and detailed plan includes the practice of safety drills, such as building lockdowns and evacuations, as well as other necessary action steps. Additionally, the safety plan is continually reviewed by the Rocky River Police and Fire Departments and can be jointly implemented when needed.

The Rocky River City School District has coupled our school safety plan with other tools to help keep all children and adults safe at school. For example, the district has implemented the **Safe School Helpline**. The Safe School Helpline accepts anonymous information and reports about violence, criminal misconduct, threats and bullying. You can reach the Safe School Helpline at 1.800.418.6423 extension 359 or at [www.safeschoolhelpline.com](http://www.safeschoolhelpline.com).

Additionally, the district partners with the Rocky River Police Department to have a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the high school on a daily basis. The SRO is a very important part of district security not only at Rocky River High School but in all of our buildings. School Resource Officer Mike Bernhardt may be contacted at 440.356.6810 or via email at [bernhardt.mike@rrcs.org](mailto:bernhardt.mike@rrcs.org).

In closing, we will continue to use Connect 5 email to inform and update parents and guardians as needed. In an emergency, we will also use the Connect 5 phone system for immediate notifications. If you have not done so already, you have the option of adding text messaging to your Connect 5 account. Information is available at <http://www.rrcs.org/Connect5.aspx>.

Please review this information with your children as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Shoaf, Ed.D.

Superintendent