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Dear Elementary Families:

The Franklin Regional School District considers student and staff safety to be an utmost priority. Students and staff practice safety drills throughout the school year so they can be prepared to respond in the event of an emergency. Fire drills and severe weather drills are already conducted in each school building. In an effort to prepare for an event that involves a potential threat either outside or inside a school building, the elementary schools will be conducting "deny" drills on November 28, 2018.

The deny phase is one of three phases taught to staff members through the CRASE model by the Murrysville Police Department. The three phases of the CRASE model are: Avoid, Deny and Defend. On November 28th, we will practice the deny phase in each elementary building. Below is the script that will be read by classroom teachers and principals. The drill will take approximately five minutes. Staff members will then debrief the following morning to review the drill with administrators.

District administrators have consulted with the Murrysville Police Department as well as Dr. Anthony Mannarino, the Director of the Center for Traumatic Stress in Children and Adolescents and the Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Allegheny General Hospital, in planning for this drill.

Script:

Today we will be practicing our building's deny drill. The word deny means to keep out. The purpose of a deny drill is to keep students and adults safe from any danger outside or inside the building. We already have many rules at school that help keep us safe. We walk in lines in the hallways, we keep our outside doors locked and we leave the building quickly and quietly when we hear the fire alarm. Our deny drill is another way we practice being safe.

When we practice our deny drill, your job is to be quiet and follow all of your teacher's directions. Being quiet and listening to your teacher is important so you know exactly what to do. Your teacher will tell you where to go and what to do. Your teacher will close the classroom door, turn off the lights and tell you where to go in the classroom. You will wait quietly for a few minutes until your teacher tells you it is time to go back to your seat.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's counselor or building principal. We thank you for your support in helping make safety a priority for our entire school community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Buffone, Heritage Principal
Ms. Tina Gillen, Newlonsburg Principal
Mrs. Jennifer DiFulvio, Sloan Principal