

Hill Park Learning Centre Lockdown Drill on Friday October 25th

On Friday October 25th, we will be practicing the first required Lockdown drill at 11:00 am. The term “Lockdown” (usually initiated by Hamilton Police Services; sometimes by the Principal or school personnel) is used when there is an incident or threat of serious violence or injury within the building. A lockdown is defined by police as the restriction of movement during the time of a potentially serious violent threat or violent incident that would endanger the lives of students and staff.

- Lockdown is used only when there is a major incident or threat of serious violence within the Learning Centre, or in relation to the Learning Centre
- the threat is inside the building, or is on Hill Park property, and poses an immediate threat to the occupants.
- all movement within the building and into and out of Hill Park is restricted
- doors remain open to permit police immediate entry
- Police will be consulted to determine when Lockdown is ended

During a Lockdown, an announcement is made via the PA indicating that the Learning Centre has been placed in Lockdown and that occupants should seek shelter in the nearest safe location. While in Lockdown, staff and students are to remain in their classes or work areas and away from the door until further notice. Anyone who finds themselves outside of a classroom or workspace should go to the nearest accessible room, including a washroom, and close the door. While in lockdown all personnel should remain quiet and turn off cell phones (as they may alert the intruder to your presence). As always, students are also expected to follow the directions of their teachers. We will be following the standard lockdown protocol which teachers will review with their students prior to the drill, and that has been made available to other staff based at Hill Park. Once again, in an effort to avoid creating any panic or anxiety, Hill Park Learning Centre will be having a lockdown drill on the morning of Friday October 25th at 11:00 am. Students are reminded to remain silent and to follow the directions of their teacher. If students have any concerns, they should feel free to share them with a teacher or staff member. Staff should share concerns with their supervisor. Further details can be found in the HWDSB Secure Schools Protocol in the Safety and Well-Being policy area of the Board website.

Sincerely,



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