



# Bellmoore Elementary School

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Dear Families,

We are writing to inform you that our school will be holding a secure schools protocol drill, so that staff and students are prepared in case of an emergency.

The drill will happen on **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 during period 4 at 12:00 pm**. We appreciate the co-operation of our students and staff during the drill.

It is also important that we all remain aware of secure schools terminology used in all of Ontario's publicly funded schools.

**HWDSB** Secure Schools and Bomb Threats

Terminology is important when a situation impacts the safety of students and staff. Schools, police and media outlets use four specific terms during such events.  
**The term LOCKDOWN must be used appropriately and leave no misunderstanding as to what is expected.**

	<b>LOCKDOWN</b> Potentially serious violent situation at the school that would endanger the lives of staff and students. Usually police initiated.	REMAIN IN SCHOOL
	<b>HOLD &amp; SECURE</b> Safety situation in the neighbourhood not related to the school.	
	<b>SHELTER IN PLACE</b> Potential environmental or weather-related hazard outside the school.	
	<b>BOMB THREAT</b> Report or discovery of an explosive device.	

Communication to Families in Secure School Situations:

HWDSB will post safety updates on its website [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) and Twitter @HWDSB.

**Where appropriate...**  
Phone messages will be sent to the parent/guardian's contact phone number provided to the school. HWDSB will be in contact with local media outlets. Monitor broadcast and print outlets.

**During such events, cellphone use between parents and student is restricted.**

**Phone lines must be free for emergency services.**

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You can learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools at <https://hwdsb.info/secureschools>

Sincerely,

Mrs. P Mochrie