



# Viola Desmond Elementary School

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Dear Families,

We are writing to inform you that our school will be holding secure schools protocol drills on the dates listed below so staff and students are prepared in case of an emergency.

- **Lockdown Drill – Nov. 8, 2023, Mar. 27, 2024**
- **Hold and Secure – Jan. 10, 2024**
- **Shelter in Place – Feb. 28, 2024**
- **Bomb Threat – May 1, 2024**

The drills may involve visits from members of the Hamilton Police Service. 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.

You can learn more about HWDSB's approach to secure schools.  
[secure-schools.png \(709x923\) \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

Sincerely,

T. Morabito

Principal