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LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION

Clark Middle School

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Dear Clark families,

In my years as an administrator, one of the things that I have always told students, staff, and parents is that SAFETY is our #1 priority. Without a safe school environment, students do not feel comfortable and therefore, will not put forth their best effort.

On March 9, the students and staff at Clark Middle School will be joined by the following police departments: St. John, Dyer, Schererville, Lake County, as well as our School Resource Officers across the district, as we partake in our first ever "Critical Incident Drill." The drill will take place in the afternoon and will last for about 90 minutes. **During this time, no students and/or staff members will be able to enter or leave the building due to a "lockdown" in session. In addition, no outside visitors, i.e. parents will be allowed to enter the building.** I am asking that you plan in advance for this day and make appropriate plans for your child in case you have an appointment previously scheduled. Our goal is to take the information gained from this drill and make it a learning experience for all involved.

On February 7 and March 6 at 6:00 p.m., the Lake Central School Resource officers and the Clark Middle School administrative team will conduct a meeting in the LGI room. The purpose of the meeting is to go over basic information about the drill, answer any questions that parents/guardians might have, and assist you, as parents, to feel comfortable during the Critical Incident Drill.

In regard to the drill, Clark Middle School administrative staff and the St. John Police Department will post signs on 93rd Avenue, indicating that a "Critical Incident Drill" is taking place on such date. Additional information will be provided to patrons that have homes close to Clark Middle School. An "all-call" or Alert Now message will be sent out to the parents several times prior to the Critical Incident Drill taking place. At no time during the drill will the police officers use actual guns. The scenario-based drill will be over in approximately 90 minutes with the plan to implement what we have learned from the Indiana School Safety Specialists Academy, other Critical Incidents Drills from Lake Central schools, as well as from the local police departments and the Department of Education.

Sincerely,

Scott Graber, Principal