Emergency Lockdown Information For Parents

If an emergency situation occurring in the vicinity of a school threatens student safety, the school may be placed under “lockdown”. While we hope to never be faced with this type of situation, the district has built strong relationships with the Kingsburg Police Department and Kingsburg Fire Department to create policies and procedures to prepare and respond. Safe School Plans and procedures are reviewed with KPD annually and reviewed twice per year with all staff.

During a lockdown, a school will take several security measures:

1. All school doors and windows are locked.
2. All students and staff remain in their classrooms and offices.
3. No one is permitted to leave and no one, including parents, is allowed on campus.
4. Once school officials receive word from emergency personnel that the danger has passed, the lockdown will be lifted.

Although such measures may seem extreme, they have proven effective in ensuring student safety. In fact, in an emergency, school is one of the safest places your child can be. Whenever a threat arises, schools are the focus of heightened attention from police and local authorities.

Should a lockdown occur, parents are asked to remain calm while school and local authorities manage the situation. Parents will be notified via our ConnectEd notification system of the lockdown status as soon as possible. The call will explain the situation to the best of our knowledge. Please do not call the school as no calls will be answered during a lockdown. Parents should not come to campus until notified by the school to do so. Parents cannot pick up their child during a lockdown nor come on campus. If it appears the lockdown will last for an extended period of time, or go beyond dismissal time, school staff will notify parents by phone or email to pick children up from school or another designated safe area once it is determined that it is safe to do so.

Thank you for your help in keeping Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District safe. As a district, we will continue to work with our local law enforcement and fire department to ensure we are prepared to respond to a crisis situation, should one arise.