



To: Rutland City Public Schools Families

From: Rob Bliss, Assistant Superintendent

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Re: Run Hide Fight

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This communication provides our families with an update on our options-based protocol, *Run Hide Fight*, and its implementation. The *Run Hide Fight* protocol will be activated in the event of an intruder or active shooter in school.

As you may know, the district has taken the following steps to move towards the use of an options-based protocol beginning in June 2018:

1. All faculty and staff received a basic training in the *Run Hide Fight* protocol, provided by the Rutland City Police.
2. All faculty were provided with an opportunity and guidance to inventory their classroom, and the spaces in which they work, for items that could be used to barricade and also to “fight.”
3. All faculty were asked to consider primary and secondary routes in the event the “run” option was best.
4. We held two Community Safety Nights to inform the community about “Say Something” and the *Run Hide Fight* Protocol. One occurred on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and one January 30<sup>th</sup>. The first got coverage in the Herald.

One critical piece of input that we received at the community night was a parent noting that her children had not yet learned about *Run Hide Fight*. Given what we have done to this point, it is time.

It is our objective that every student in the district will be taught the concepts of *Run Hide Fight*, and each school will have a “mock intruder drill” sometime in March, 2019. We hope that your child will discuss this with you and you will be able to support their understanding of what to do.

If you have any questions, please contact your school’s principal or the central office at Rutland City Public Schools.