



Marion Community Unit School District No. 2
 Washington Elementary School
 420 East Main Street
 Marion, Illinois 62959



Law Enforcement Lockdown Drill

September 23rd, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The School Safety Drill Act requires one law enforcement lockdown drill to address a school shooting incident and to evaluate the preparedness of school personnel and students. This drill shall occur no later than 90 days after the first day of school of each year, and shall require the participation of all school personnel and students present at school at the time of the drill, except for those exempted by administrators, school support personnel, or a parent/guardian. Please be assured that the lockdown drill:

- Does not include any simulations that mimic an actual school shooting incident or active shooter event,
- Is announced in advance to all school personnel and students before it begins,
- Includes content that is age and developmentally appropriate,
- Includes and involves school personnel, including school-based mental health professionals,
- Includes trauma-informed approaches to address the concerns and well-being of school personnel, and
- Permits students to ask questions related to it.

This year's lockdown drill will take place on Wednesday, October 2nd. If you do not want your child to participate in the lockdown drill, please complete the following **Opt-out Request** and return it to your child's classroom teacher by Tuesday, October 1st.

I request that the District opt-out my child from the law enforcement lockdown drill. I understand that my child will be provided with alternative safety education and instruction related to an active threat or active shooter event.

 Student (*please print*)

 Parent/Guardian (*please print*)

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ashleigh Benson
 Washington Elementary School