
CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Cascade Families,

As you know, we have all been watching the status of the Hanson Dam. School safety is a priority for the Cascade school community as it is for the Auburn School District. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about our building's plan.

We have been working closely with the school district and the city of Auburn over the past few months, creating a plan of action so we are prepared if we need to evacuate. We have waited to provide you with specific information until we felt we had the best possible plan.

This is what will take place if we are asked to evacuate while school is in session:

- 1) *All students and staff will evacuate to the football field as we would for a fire drill. All students will be accounted for at this point.*
- 2) *Once all students have been accounted for, students and staff will walk together to Top Foods at 1702 Auburn Way North. This location was chosen because the elevation of their parking lot is much higher than our school. We will take attendance again when we arrive at Top Foods. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO FAMILIES AT TOP FOODS. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COME THERE TO GET YOUR CHILD(REN).***
- 3) *The District will send school buses to Top Foods and will take our students and staff to Auburn High School.*
- 4) *We will take attendance again as soon as we reach Auburn High School.*
- 5) ***We have designated the gymnasium at Auburn High School the place for families to meet their children.** Students will be released from this location only. **Students will be released to only those people that are listed as parent/guardian/emergency contacts.** If you wish to make changes or additions, please contact our Registrar, Mrs. Sebolboro. You may contact her by email at psebolboro@auburn.wednet.edu or at 253 931 4962.*

Our entire plan is detailed, specific, and closely matches the emergency procedures we already have in place. **At our next PTSA meeting (Thursday, November 5th at 7 pm in our gymnasium), we will discuss this plan with our parents in order to bring an awareness of what Cascade has planned in the unlikelihood of this situation occurring. We invite all parents and students to attend this meeting.**

On Wednesday, November 25th, we will conduct a practice drill (along with Dick Scobee Elementary) to implement this plan. This will allow us to make certain the plan will run smoothly and make any modifications that we feel necessary. It would be a good idea, as always, to be sure that your child(ren) dress appropriately for the weather, which can surprise us from time to time. Children should also wear appropriate shoes that they can walk in with comfort.

It must also be noted that you may opt out your child from participating in this practice drill; however, it is hoped that all students will be able to participate because this practice drill will help our students understand how to respond appropriately if we have to implement this plan. **If you choose to opt out your child during our practice drill, please call or email Mrs. Bloom, our Attendance Secretary at 253-931-4962 or bbloom@auburn.wednet.edu and give her your child's name by 2:45 on Monday, November 23rd. Otherwise, all students will participate.**

I want to point out that the chance of this scenario occurring while we are in school is very unlikely; however, we certainly want to error on the side of caution and be well prepared.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Isaiah Johnson, Principal

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