



## VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to inform you that in accordance with the Commissioner's regulations, Section 155, our District has scheduled its annual severe weather sheltering drill and early dismissal drill for **Wednesday, November 22, 2023**. The safety of our students is our top priority, and these drills are an essential part of our emergency preparedness.

The severe weather sheltering drill, as outlined in our District's Emergency Management Plan, will begin at 2:00 pm. Following this, the early dismissal drill will take place at 2:30 pm.

Please be aware that students will be **dismissed** from the blacktop area of each school at **2:30 PM on November 22nd**. We kindly request that all parents ensure the prompt pickup of their children to ensure the successful execution of the drill.

During the drill, the use of equipment on the blacktop is prohibited as the goal of the drill is to assess a rapid and early dismissal. Please also note that students will not be allowed back into the building after the drills, except for those students attending after school programs.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation as we implement and test a vital component of the District's Emergency Management Plan. Your support is invaluable in helping us ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Unal Karakas  
Superintendent of Schools