

August 30, 2017

Dear Parents:

As part of its ongoing effort to ensure safety and security, the Newhall School District, working closely with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, will conduct an "on-demand" lockdown drill at each of the District's ten campuses. The drills will take place from late summer until early fall. An *on-demand* drill, as opposed to a *scheduled* drill, means that Sheriff's deputies will appear unannounced on a campus and announce a lockdown to school staff. At that point staff will follow established procedures to secure students and adults in rooms. Deputies will observe the drill from beginning to end and then offer feedback on ways to improve. The District believes that an unannounced drill will better prepare schools to respond to any security emergencies. Please note:

- Three to five deputies will appear on campus in their "everyday" patrol attire...nothing more.
- If you see multiple patrol cars on campus a drill will likely be in progress. Please do not attempt to enter the campus.
- If you are on campus at the time the drill is called, immediately follow instructions from staff.
- Staff will inform students that there will be a lockdown drill in the near future and that no one knows the exact day.

We continue to implement multiple measures to ensure everyone's safety and security on our campuses. Further, we thank the deputies at the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station for working with us.

Best regards.

Paul Cordeiro, District Superintendent