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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Arnold Adair
Superintendent

On the morning of Friday, October 27, Deer Park ISD will join the City of Deer Park's Local Emergency Planning Committee in holding an emergency response drill. I would like to share some information with you about this important test of our emergency response plan. First, as you may have already noticed, the date of the drill falls on a teacher inservice day. Thus, no students will participate in the drill. The drill will take place from 8 a.m. to noon.

However, administrators and many other employees will participate in the drill. Because the drill is designed to test our emergency response plan, we know very little about the scenario of the drill itself. It will generally involve a mock train accident near the intersection of State Highway 225 and Center Street. When we receive word that the drill has begun, our staff will respond according to our emergency plan. Eventually, we expect to receive word from the City of Deer Park that a walking evacuation is required, and a group of district employees will perform an actual evacuation of several buildings, including the district administrative offices, San Jacinto Elementary, Deer Park Junior High, Wolters Accelerated High School/Disciplinary Alternative Education Program, and Deer Park High School-North Campus. These buildings will be closed during the duration of the drill while the employees evacuate to Deer Park Elementary and DPHS-South Campus. In the event of an actual emergency similar to the scenario in the drill, emergency officials inform us that a walking evacuation is the best option for keeping students and employees safe.

Even though the drill will not include students, it could still impact the community. Portions of the SH 225 feeder roads and entrance ramps will be closed and access will be blocked to parts of Ivy Avenue, East First Street, SH 225 at Tidal Road, and SH 225 at East Boulevard. Portions of Center Street, Luella, and Meadow Lark will also be temporarily blocked to allow the safe evacuation of district employees.

The drill was planned to evaluate our emergency plan. Thus, we will have several expert observers on site to witness our response to the scenario and, once the drill is finished, they will offer suggestions about how to improve our plan. If you have any questions about the LEPC drill or the district's safety plans, please contact our district safety office at 832-668-7070. For more information about the LEPC, go to www.deerparklepc.org on the Internet or call 281-478-7298.

Sincerely,

Arnold Adair
Superintendent of Schools