

SUMMARY REPORT: DISTRICT SAFETY DRILL

On Wednesday, October 30, 2019, a district-wide safety drill was conducted at all Milwaukee Public Schools and those contracted schools participating in round two of the Department of Justice's grant award. The drills consisted of a standard response of a code red drill. A yearly emergency drill is required by WI. State Statute 118.07(4)(cp) and by the State's Office of School Safety and School Safety Grants. This requirement was enacted in March 2018.

WI. State Statute 118.07(4)(cp) requires a safety drill to be conducted in all public and private schools throughout Wisconsin. Principals are to prepare a written evaluation that the school board is to review within 30 days of the drill. The district must verify with the Office of School Safety within the Department of Justice by January 1, 2020, that the drills took place and that the results were shared with the Board.

The drills are meant to provide training for a building's occupants should a violent act occur and require a response based on the district and schools' safety plan. The schools' individual evaluations were very similar in that administrators observed minor issues of concern. Those minor concerns were addressed at the school level by the administrators and will continue to be monitored in future drills. The drills lasted a few minutes; variations in time depended on the size of a school.

The drills were completed appropriately, engendering discussions at the school level as to what improvements are needed.