

Good afternoon, MAMS Families!

This morning, at Maple Avenue, students and teachers held discussions about our procedures if we were to go into a “lockdown” due to an unsafe and violent person in our building. Students were shown a video clip that reviews the procedures for the run-hide-fight protocol in a school. Teachers led the students in discussion about the priority of fleeing to safety, or, if that is not possible, concealing in the building.

1. RUN If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to:

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape, if possible
- Keep your hands visible
- Follow the instructions of any police officers
- Do not attempt to move wounded people



2. HIDE If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the intruder is less likely to find you. Your hiding place should:

- Be out of the intruder’s view
- Lock the door
- Blockade the door with heavy furniture
- Silence your cell phone and
- Turn off any source of noise
- Hide behind large items
- Remain quiet



3. FIGHT As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the violent intruder by:

- Throwing items
- Yelling
- Committing to your actions

